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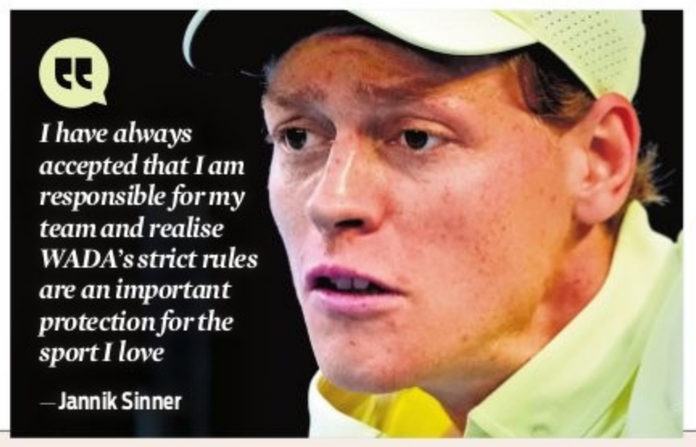
I have always accepted that I am responsible for my team and realise WADA's strict rules are an important protection for the sport I love
—Jannik Sinner

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SINNER, WADA REACH AGREEMENT: WORLD NO. 1 GETS 3-MONTH BAN

Winner of three Majors, the Italian, who twice tested positive for banned substance, will be suspended effective immediately.

WORLD BODY WITHDRAWS CAS CASE

The Italian, who twice tested positive for clostebol last year, had been exonerated by an independent panel in August. But the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA), unhappy with the verdict, had appealed to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS). WADA has now withdrawn that case after reaching an agreement in line with Anti-Doping Code.

SINNER DID NOT INTEND TO CHEAT: WADA

- In a statement, WADA held that the Italian, who won the Australian Open, 'did not intend to cheat, and that his exposure to clostebol did not provide any performance-enhancing benefit'.
- They, however, held that he's responsible for the actions of his entourage. Sinner had tested positive last March.

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SINNER'S BAN PERIOD, THE FRENCH OPEN BEGINS MAY 25

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Passengers try to get into a train at an overcrowded platform 15 of New Delhi railway station on Saturday | PTI

Stampede horror at New Delhi railway station leaves 15 dead

SHEKHAR SINGH & RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ New Delhi

AT least 15 people, including three children, died and several injured after a massive crowd surge on platform numbers 14 and 15 at New Delhi Railway Station led to a stampede on Saturday. The incident occurred as thousands of passengers gathered to board trains heading to Maha Kumbh at Prayagraj in Uttar Pradesh.

The Chief Casualty Medical Officer of the LNJP hospital confirmed the deaths. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and Delhi Lieutenant Governor V K Saxena said lives were lost in the incident.

The Northern Railways, meanwhile, denied any stampede-like situation.

According to a senior official from the Delhi Fire Service, they received a call around 9.55 pm regarding a stampede situation at platforms 14 and 15. Four fire tenders were rushed.

Eyewitnesses said the stampede occurred when people on the overbridge started running towards platforms 14 and 15 on seeing trains to Prayagraj arriving.

Some of them complained that they missed the trains because they were not allowed to board the trains.

Northern Railway's Chief Public Relations Officer Himanshu Upadhyay told a news agency that passengers pushed each other leading to the commotion.

Saxena said an inquiry has been ordered.

Punjab chief minister objects to Amritsar being chosen arrival point

US sends back 116 Indians in military aircraft

JAYANTH JACOB & HARPREET BAJWA @ New Delhi / Chandigarh

A US military plane carrying 116 Indian deportees landed at Amritsar airport on Saturday night, officials said. Earlier, there were reports that the plane would carry 119 immigrants. According to sources, 65 deportees are from Punjab and 33 from Haryana. The rest are from Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh, Goa, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Himachal Pradesh and Jammu and Kashmir.

This is the second such deportation since Donald Trump took office as President—triggering a fresh political controversy with Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann protesting the choice of Amritsar as the arrival point.

While Mann alleged the BJP-led government at the Centre deliberately chose Amritsar as the landing site to 'defame Punjab', sources told this newspaper that the arrival airport is decided after taking in view the deportees' convenience for returning home. The sources pointed out that many of those deported are from the border areas of Punjab.

Amritsar has been a primary arrival point for deportees for some time, including in October last year when a group of illegal immigrants were sent back from the US through a chartered flight.

However, the Trump administration's use of a military plane to deport immigrants has sparked protests in India, with concerns raised over deportees arriving in handcuffs. India is understood to have raised the issue of inhuman treatment of its citizens with the US, but the US has once again chosen to send them back on a military aircraft.

'Why not land in Delhi'

Accusing the Centre of trying to defame his state, Punjab CM Bhagwant Mann asked why it's always Punjab and not Delhi to land the deportation plane. A third plane carrying 157 deportees is also expected on Sunday

Earlier this month, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar told Parliament that restraints are part of the Standard Operating Procedures of the US Immigration and Customs Enforcement while deporting illegals. However, legal experts say the use of shackles hurt the deportees' dignity and violates the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR), 1976 and the United Nations Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, 1984.

It was not immediately clear whether the deportees were in shackles or not.

Punjab police make first arrest, nab travel agent

HARPREET BAJWA @ Chandigarh

PUNJAB police made its first arrest of a travel agent involved in illegal immigration practices, following the deportation of 104 Indians from the US on February 5. Anil Batra, one of four accused, was arrested for sending a US deportee to the US via the "Dunki route."

Talking to this newspaper, inspector Abhey Singh Chauhan said that based on a complaint of Gurwinder Singh of Bhadson, Patiala, a case was registered on February 8 against travel agent Anil Batra and three others who had sent Singh to US via the 'Dunki route'.

Batra allegedly took ₹45 lakh from Singh to facilitate his travel to the US. Singh was first sent to Dubai, then to Suriname, and eventually made his way to the US via Central America, with the help of traffickers and smugglers.

The arrest comes after a Special Investigation Team (SIT) was formed to probe complaints of fraudulent travel agents involved in deceptive immigration practices. The SIT has registered 10 FIRs against travel agents who allegedly deceived victims with false promises of facilitating illegal entry into the US.

Police have frozen Batra's bank account, which had a balance of ₹6.35 lakh. Director General of Police Gaurav Yadav has urged the general public to come forward with any information that could assist in apprehending travel agents who facilitate illegal entry into the US, and advised citizens to only approach registered agents for immigration services.

Social media posts help cops nab man on the run for 9 years

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

SOCIAL media posts and ordering food online helped police nab a 35-year-old rowdy-sheeter in the city on Thursday. Mohammed Farooq, who had seven cases, including an attempt to murder, against him, evaded arrest for nine years. A rowdy-sheeter in Madiwala police limits, Farooq took to crime in 2012 and continued till 2016 when he went underground.

Farooq's family members, including his brother-in-law, who is with Karnataka State Reserve Police (KSRP), were questioned. But nobody had any information about him. His wife is rowdy-sheeter Jaani's sister. Even Jaani revealed nothing about Farooq when police questioned him.

When efforts of police did not yield any result, a crucial lead came from an informant, who saw a picture of Farooq in front of Vidhana Soudha on Instagram.

During investigation, it was found that Farooq operated an Instagram account in his son's name. Police took the IP address and that helped them find Farooq's mobile phone number. Based on the tower dumb, police learnt that he lived in Doddakallasandra on Kanakapura Road. As it did not help them find his exact location, they approached online food aggregators to find out if there were bookings from that mobile phone number. This revealed Farooq's residential address," a police officer said.

Farooq was arrested when he was returning home after picking his child from school.

Farooq lived with his wife and child in an upscale apartment. He stopped all criminal activities in 2016 and became a car dealer. He did not attend his father's funeral fearing arrest, the police officer said.

Goa ex-MLA dies after auto driver hits him

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Belagavi

FORMER Goa MLA **Lavoo Mamledar**, 69, died here on Saturday soon after he was allegedly assaulted by an autorickshaw driver.

Mamledar collapsed while getting into the lift of a lodge where he stayed around 1.30 pm. Mamledar's car scraped the autorickshaw in the city earlier in the day. When auto driver Amirsuhil Sanadi, 28, from Ashok Nagar, sought money to get the damage rectified, Mamledar refused, stating that nothing happened to the vehicle. This led to an argument between them and Mamledar left the spot.

The auto driver followed Mamledar and allegedly assaulted him as he was entering the lodge premises. The auto driver assaulting Mamledar and the latter collapsing while getting into the lift inside the lodge can be seen in the CCTV footage from the lodge.

Mamledar was immediately rushed to Belagavi District Hospital where he was declared brought dead.

Mamledar represented Ponda in Goa Assembly from 2012 to 2017 as Maharashtrawadi Gomantak Party candidate. He later joined Congress.

EXPRESS READ

Will fight for better share of water: Gowda

Bengaluru: Former prime minister HD Deve Gowda said Karnataka should receive 25 tmcft of water under the Godavari-Krishna-Cauvery irrigation project and pledged to fight for this alongside all political parties. He said he will soon write to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, asking him to direct the National Water Development Agency (NWDA) to set right this injustice | **P4**

VAISHNAW REVEALS PLAN TO LAY B'LURU-KIA RAIL LINE

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

MINISTER for Railways Ashwini Vaishnaw on Saturday announced his ministry's plan to implement a railway project connecting Kempegowda International Airport (KIA) with Bengaluru city.

As per the plan, a dedicated 7.9-km rail line will be laid between Doddajala and KIA. A 6.25-km stretch of the line will be elevated and 1.65 km underground.

"Apart from the road, metro and suburban rail links, we are creating another railway network to KIA," Vaishnaw told reporters. He said during his last visit, he travelled by train from KIA to the city. "It was a comfortable 40 to 45-minute ride. However, the proposed project faced technical issues. It needs a railway flyover. A team of experts presented a report today. I will share it with you soon. This will bring significant relief to people," Vaishnaw said.

Emphasising the need for suburban and metro rail projects for Bengaluru, he said the Union and state governments should work in tandem to implement them at the earliest.

Vaishnaw expressed disappointment over execution of suburban railway project work by Karnataka-Rail Infrastructure Development Company (K-RIDE). It lacks technical expertise, he said and appealed to the state to appoint a full-time MD and 13 technically qualified personnel to K-RIDE. **P4**

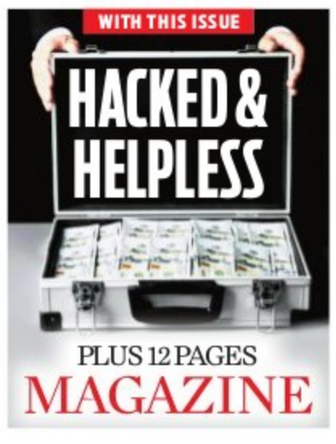
HC ALLOWS FELLING OF 2,518 TREES IN B'LURU

Bengaluru: The Karnataka High Court has permitted felling of 2,518 trees -- 1,988 by Rail Infrastructure Development Company (Karnataka) Limited for its suburban rail project and 530 for expansion of Air Force Command Hospital -- in the city.K-RIDE and the hospital should cut trees in compliance with the Karnataka Preservation of Trees Act, 1976, with Rules of 1977 and also by adhering to the conditions imposed by the BBMP tree officer and the court, including compensatory afforestation, it said. A division bench of Chief Justice NV Anjaria and Justice MI Arun passed the order on interlocutory applications on cutting trees for both projects. **P3**

LEFT IN THE LURCH

Customers of the New India Cooperative Bank gather outside a branch in Mumbai on Saturday after the RBI imposed restrictions on issuing loans and withdrawals due to liquidity concerns and governance issues | PTI

BOUQUETS AND BRICKBATS



Tharoor's praise for Kerala in TNIE *column sparks Cong backlash*

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ T'Puram/Malappuram/Kozhikode

FINDING itself in an embarrassing situation after party MP Shashi Tharoor heaped praise on the Left-ruled Kerala, calling the state a model of economic innovation and sustainable growth, the Congress leadership launched an open attack on him.

While several Congress leaders, including V D Satheesan, K C Venugopal, and Ramesh Chennithala, dismissed Tharoor's arguments in his column in The New Indian Express that appeared on February 14, he, understandably, found support among the Left leadership.

Even as his views sparked uproar, Tharoor stuck to his ground, saying the article was in Kerala's interest. In his column, Tharoor said Kerala has emerged as a dynamic centre for startups. He termed Industries Minister P Rajeeve's claim that a business can be opened in just two minutes as an "astonishing development". Soon after the article appeared, Rajeeve shared it on social media, thanking Tharoor. Brushing aside Tharoor's comments, Leader of Opposition Satheesan said the party will examine the circumstances under which such claims were made.

When somebody in the government does something well, one should acknowledge and praise it. I've criticised and praised in fairness and on the basis of specific points—Shashi Tharoor

Senior Congress leader K Muraleedharan asked the party national leadership to respond to Tharoor's comments.

AICC general secretary K C Venugopal said Tharoor's views did not conform to reality. "Kerala's industries sector is in a bad state. Is there any development happening in the coir and fisheries sectors?" he asked.

Ramesh Chennithala said Tharoor had a misunderstanding. "Kerala is not an investment-friendly state. Several enterprises were shut during the LDF's tenure," he said. It's learnt that the party leadership may seek disciplinary action against Tharoor.

Without mentioning Tharoor, Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan said, "His statements were based on facts and numbers."

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Nonagenarian puppeteer Bhimavva Shillekyathar has nurtured the art of leather puppetry, and is passing on the tradition to future generations

STORIES IN LEATHER

RAGHOTTAM KOPPAR @Koppal

AT 96, Bhimavva Doddabalappa Shillekyathar, the famed puppeteer from Koppal district, has been honoured with the prestigious Padma Shri award, one of India's highest civilian honours, for her contribution to the field of art. Her dedication to Togalu Gombeyaata (leather puppetry) and fascination for the art has sustained for the better part of the century.

Bhimavva, the daughter of Sanjeevappa and Somamma, is unschooled. Born in 1929 in Moranal village of Koppal district, she has been a torchbearer for Togalu Gombeyaata, the art which has been handed down through the generations.

She was 14 when she began working on leather puppetry as a family craft. She has captured 18 episodes of the Mahabharata, including Kurukshetra, Virata Parva, Lavakusha Kalaga, Karna Parva, Draupadi Vastrapaharana, Adi Parva, Sarpa Parva in leather puppets. She has even preserved 200-year-old puppets.

Bhimavva is proficient in all disciplines of this art. People who have attended her shows say her traditional Gombeyaata is worth watching and enjoying. She still sings from the Ramayana and Mahabharata episodes from memory, and adjusts the tune to the rhythm of the puppets.

Bhimavva gained recognition abroad too, and has visited America, Paris, Italy, Iran, Iraq, Switzerland and Holland. She upheld the art, culture and heritage of the country by performing epics like Ramayana and Mahabharata and current events through puppetry.

Bhimavva Shillekyathar with her leather puppets in Moranal village of Koppal district

When the frail woman in her Ilkal sari first got a call from the Koppal Deputy Commissioner, saying she was to receive the Padma Shri, she was confused. "We are from Moranal village which is small, and artists from small villages never come into the limelight. But the Central government selected us. I am very thankful to all who referred me for this award. My family members are happy and our younger generations say they will continue the tradition of puppetry," she said. "Though I have given more than 20,000 shows in my life, only a few art lovers and organisations appreciated us. The whole village celebrated when the event was broadcast on TV and our family members distributed sweets to the villagers," added Bhimavva.

I continued traditional Gombeyaata even after marriage and now my family members have also learnt this art. I am thankful for all who recognised me
Bhimavva Shillekyathar

Preserving their legacy

Despite facing many challenges amid the boom of modern cinema and social media, Bhimavva and her family are committed to preserving their heritage. She has also focused on training younger generations to carry the tradition forward. In today's era, many rural sports are disappearing as the youth are busy with modern gadgets, and have little awareness of the importance of traditional modes of entertainment.

Bhimavva's family is synonymous with the rural art of leather puppetry. Shankar Itagi, Ningappa Doddamani and other villagers of Moranal say, "Bhimavva's family is known not only in Moranal but across Koppal district. She is a nonagenarian but is still active, and has the art of speaking on current issues with traditional puppetry. Many arts have disappeared but Bhimavva and her family should be saluted for saving this traditional art and passing it to the next generations."

Koppal Gavi mutt seer felicitates Bhimavva | EXPRESS

Not 96 but 103

Family members say Bhimavva has already crossed 100 years but as per records, she is 96. Her son Keshappa is 75 years old and has also won many awards for the art of puppetry.

Honours and Awards

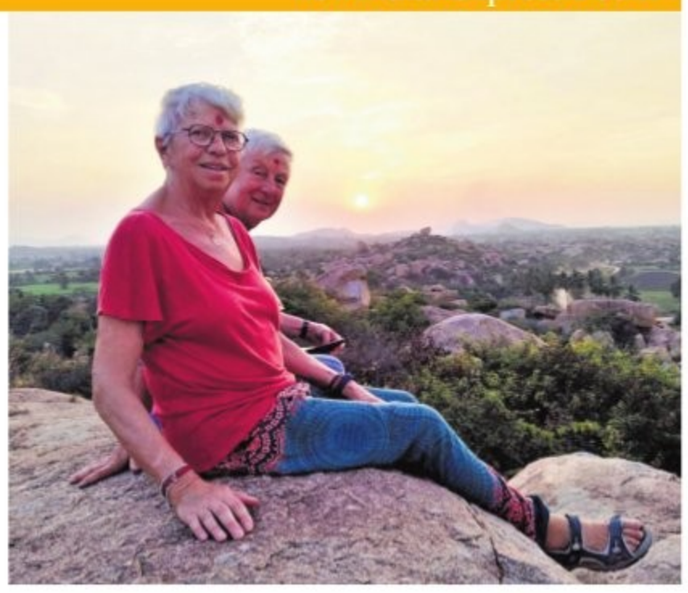
The latest feather in Bhimavva's cap is the Padma Shri. "I am very happy to have got the Padma Shri award. I continued traditional Gombeyaata even after marriage and now my family members have also learnt this art. I am thankful for all who recognised me," she beamed.

The other honours: Tehran Country Puppet Festival Award in 1993, 63rd All India Kannada Sahitya Sammelana Award, Regional Stage Arts Study Award, Janapada awards, Bayalata Academy Award for 2005-06, Sangeet Natak Academy Award in 2010, Rajyotsava Award in 2014, Janapada Shri Award in 2020-21, Senior Citizen Award in 2022.

CM Siddaramaiah's praise

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah lauded Bhimavva Shillekyathar as a worthy recipient of awards, acknowledging her commitment to puppetry over the past seven decades. "The nation takes immense pride in Bhimavva Doddabalappa Shillekyathar being honoured with the Padma Shri for 2025. Her dedication to the art form, which she has nurtured as a way of life while showcasing Karnataka's culture both nationally and internationally, makes her truly deserving of this recognition," Siddaramaiah said.

Calling her an inspiration for future generations, the CM expressed his admiration for her lifelong service to the arts. "In an era where rural art and folk traditions are fading, Bhimavva's dedication has ensured that puppetry remains alive. Her achievements will continue to inspire generations," he added.



From visitors to mentors

Two Italian women captivated by Hampi share their passion, insights to inspire local guides

KIRAN BALANNANAVAR
@Hampi

WITH its stunning architecture, ancient temples and unique boulder-strewn landscape, Hampi has always been in the bucket list of tourists around the world. For the past three decades, Italians have been frequent visitors to this historical site, and now two of them have taken on the role of mentors for trainee tourist guides.

Lucia and Ana, who often visit Hampi, are deeply captivated by the ancient village with its rich history and vibrant culture. They wish to settle down in Hampi if they are granted citizenship. Their love for the village is so immense that they now recommend Hampi whenever friends and family ask for travel recommendations.

When Virupakshi V Hampi, a guide who has been assisting Italian tourists for the past few years, shared the duo's passion for Hampi with the Vijayanagara district administration, they invited Lucia and Ana to share their experiences with trainee tourist guides at the ongoing tourist guide training programme, organised by the administration over the past month.

"Hampi and its residents have a special place in my heart. When my friend Lucia and I first came to Hampi, it felt like heaven. We hired a guide to explore and learn about the place, and his detailed explanation of Hampi's history and landscape was unforgettable. Since our first visit, every time we return, it still feels like a wonder. We visit Hampi at least once a year, or every two years when an annual trip isn't possible," says Ana.

Elaborating on the historical monuments she said, "Our favourite is the Stone Chariot at the Vijaya Vittala Temple, where we often spend nearly half the day. We also love visiting local homes, trying out traditional cuisines, watching women drawing rangoli, farmers at work, and observing the way cattle are handled. The simple joys of this village have created a desire in us to settle in India, particularly in Hampi. Being invited to speak at the tourist guide training programme is an honour," she added.

Deputy director of the Tourism department Prabulinga Talakere said the training for tourist guides in Hampi is being conducted in collaboration with a private association and Vijayanagara district administration. "Recently, the administration identified two Italian tourists who have been visiting Hampi for the past three decades. Their insights and experiences have played a crucial role in the training programme. Listening to their deep connection with Hampi has been highly motivating for many trainees," he added.

Talakere said Lucia and Ana's experience in Hampi motivated many young tourist guides. "They emphasised to the new guides the importance of learning at least six to seven international languages to better communicate Hampi's rich history," he added.

Virupakshi, who has been assisting Italian tourists for the past few years, said, "Lucia and Ana are my all-time favourite tourists. I have been their regular guide in Hampi for the past few years. Their love for Hampi's landscape, local traditions, and respect for our culture is truly special. During their last visit, they took photos of rangoli, huts, cattle, and were attracted by various aspects of rural life," he said.

Italians Lucia and Ana have been invited by the Vijayanagara district administration to share their passion for Hampi with trainee tourist guides; The duo watches women draw rangolis and try traditional cuisines in Hampi

METRO FARE

'Rollback hike, convene meet with public'

ENS @ Bengaluru

HUNDREDS of students, senior citizens, and members of the Bangalore Metro Commuters Association (BMCA) staged a protest at Freedom Park on Saturday evening, demanding an immediate rollback of the recent metro fare hike. Chanting slogans like 'Rollback Namma Metro fare hike' and holding placards warning commuters of the 'BMRCL pauperisation zone,' protesters voiced their discontent against the increased ticket prices.

Speaking to TNSE, Rajesh Bhatt, BMCA member said that over 100 people participated in the protest, and an online petition launched last week against the hike had already collected around 6,000 signatures. Additionally, offline signature campaigns are being conducted at major metro stations. "We demand that BMRCL immediately rollback the fare hike, convene a meeting with commuters, and release a white paper detailing its profit and loss statement. They must account for the taxpayer money and CESS funds collected for metro construction," Bhatt said. "Public transport should not be run on a profit-and-loss basis. The metro is not a private entity but a public service funded by taxpayers and no public consultation was done before implementing the fare revision," he added.

Residents reclaim, revive Channasandra Lake

MOHAMMED YACOOB @Bengaluru

RESIDENTS of Kasturi Nagar in CV Raman Nagar have taken the initiative to save 6.19 acre of the Banaswadi-Channasandra (B Channasandra) Lake in CV Raman Nagar assembly constituency in Bengaluru East Taluk. After repeated appeals to the authorities fell on deaf ears, the residents, with support from an NGO, initiated fencing the lake's buffer zone.

According to residents, the lake originally spanned 19.17 acre as per the forest department records. However, due to rampant encroachment, its size has drastically reduced, with parts of the lake being used to dump debris, plastic waste, and even burn garbage.

The Bangalore Development Authority (BDA) began developing the Kasturi Nagar Layout in 1989, forming it on about 6.35 acres of the lake area. Earlier, 4 acres had a;ready been taken over by the Railway Department.

"Construction debris and plastic waste were regularly dumped in the lake, and there were even incidents of bodies being dumped in the past," said Abhijith MS, a member of the Kasturi Nagar Lake Rescue Team. "The Kasturi Nagar Welfare Association and Lake Rescue Team approached BBMP and BDA for help, but the agencies did not respond. Eventually, it was discovered that the lake's Record of Rights, Tenancy, and Crops (RTC) was under the Forest Department. Deputy Conservator Of Forest (Urban) Ravindra issued an NOC for rejuvenation. With the help of an NGO, we cleared silt, constructed inlet and outlet channels, and installed a 1,000 foot-long running fence," he explained.

A 1,000 foot-long fence installed at B-Channasandra Lake in CV Raman Nagar. Rs 6.5 lakh was contributed by the Resident Welfare Association for the fence | EXPRESS

The Kasturi Nagar Welfare Association and Lake Rescue Team approached BBMP and BDA for help, but the agencies did not respond. With the help of an NGO, we cleared silt, and installed a 1,000 foot-long running fence - Abhijith MS, Member of Kasturi Nagar Lake Rescue Team

He also mentioned that the residents raised around Rs 6.5 lakh through community contribution to protect the lake.

Murugan Munirathnam, vice president of Kasturi Nagar Welfare Association, said that despite efforts, BBMP and BDA kept passing the responsibility. "In 2019, BDA wanted to hand over the lake to BBMP, but the Palike refused due to clear documentation. Once it was confirmed that the lake belongs to the Forest Department, we escalated the matter to Forest Minister Eshwar Khandre, who promised to visit the area soon," said Munirathnam.

He added that, with support from the NGO 'Hands-On' and CSR funding, nearly Rs 40 lakh has been spent so far on the lake's restoration. DCF Ravindra said the department issued an NOC after residents expressed their willingness to protect the water body. "The residents are now set to plant 6,000 saplings and create a Miyawaki forest around the lake," he added.

BBMP fixes broken drain covers on Queen's Road

EXPRESS IMPACT

Bengaluru: Officials of the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) replaced broken drain covers with new ones near Queen's Road on Friday, following a report published in The New Indian Express titled 'A month on, broken drains along Queens Road keep commuters on edge' on February 10. TNIE reported that the broken drain covers along Queen's Road, from Cubbon Park Metro Station to MG Road Junction (near Chinnaswamy Stadium), had been a safety hazard for over a month, endangering pedestrians and motorists. Four broken drainage covers along the stretch were removed and replaced with new ones. Partially damaged ones were fixed by BBMP's East Zone engineering department. – **Rakshith Gowda**

Joyalukkas inaugurated its new showroom in HSR Layout in Bengaluru. It was inaugurated by Bommanahalli MLA M Sathish Reddy in the presence of Executive Director of Joyalukkas, Thomas Matthew, COO of Joyalukkas, Henry George, GM-Jewellery Joyalukkas, PD Jose and DGM, Retail, Joyalukkas Rajesh Krishnan and other dignitaries

Fish kill, foul air: People want waste plant closed

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THOUSANDS of residents from Electronic City staged a protest demanding the immediate closure of the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) Municipal Solid Waste Processing Plant at Chikkanagamangala. The protest comes in response to alarming findings from inspection reports by Joint Committees formed under National Green Tribunal (NGT) orders in 2019 and 2022. These reports exposed severe operational lapses at the plant, along with a strong, foul odour spreading up to a 4 km radius.

Pranay Dubey, president of Electronics City Rising, a resident welfare association, stated that leachate from the plant has been contaminating nearby water bodies, leading to environmental hazard. "Due to leachate entering the water and air pollution, we have witnessed mass fish kills in Chikkanagamangala Lake. "Despite the NGT's penalties and High Court directives to contain leachate leakage, odour, and pollution, the issue remains unsolved," said Dubey.

Rajesh Reddy, former member of Town Municipal Corporation of Konappana Agrahara said, "The cattle must have consumed water from a pond that is contaminated due to the leachate seepage. The air is polluted, groundwater is contaminated, and lakes and ponds are toxic. There's also a severe mosquito menace-- all because of BBMP's failure to manage this waste processing plant,"he added.

Following the protest, Zonal Joint Commissioner Madhu visited the site and assured residents that she would escalate the matter to the Chief Commissioner and other authorities within a week.

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Two women from Kanakapura drowned in Cauvery river at Muthathi in Malavalli taluk on Saturday. The deceased are identified as Shobha (23) and Nadiya (19), both from Ganalu village in Kanakapura. The duo had come along with 50 others from the village and were taking bath before heading to a temple. The women were caught in a whirlpool and drowned. The bodies of both the women were retrieved

Errors in street vendors' survey by BBMP: Assn

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
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THE Karnataka Pragatipara Beedhi Vyaparigala Sangha, advocating for street vendors' rights and welfare, accused the BBMP of errors in its street vendor survey.

Sangha members met BBMP Special Commissioner for Health and Welfare, Suralkar Vikas Kishore, demanding an extension to the deadline for submission of objections, which ended on February 3. The organisation stressed that the BBMP's draft survey is available only in English and contains errors, causing confusion among street vendors.

Advocate and activist Vinay Sreenivasa, who works for street vendors' rights, said, "The names of wards, the number given to some wards is wrongly mentioned. At the time of police action to clear street vendors at a particular place, licensed vendors may be evicted."

Sangha president Babu S said that because the objection call and submission are in English, a majority of street vendors cannot understand. BBMP special commissioner Tushar Girinath said sangha members were told to approach zonal commissioners and town vending committees.

Two men stand on rear guard of moving car, driver booked

Incident occurred on Outer Ring Road from Goraguntepalya towards Nayandahalli

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A case has been registered against two men for standing on the rear crash guard of a moving sedan, which is a taxi. Based on a video that went viral, jurisdictional Kamakshipalya traffic police registered an FIR against the car driver.

The two remained standing on the crash guard for almost a kilometre. The incident happened on the Outer Ring Road from Goraguntepalya towards Nayandahalli near Sumanahalli between 10.30 am and 10.45 am on February 8. A motorist who took the video of the incident posted it on social media and also tagged the city traffic police. Based on the car's registration number, the police managed to trace the driver and the two others.

The driver, Kariya Manappa (21), hailing from Yadgir, has been arrested and released on station bail. The two standing on the crash guard are his friends. No action has been taken against the car owner as all the vehicle documents were in-tact. "Only the driver has been booked. The other two who were standing on the crash guard were warned and let off. After they were summoned, they claimed to have done it for fun," said an officer.

The FIR was registered on Tuesday and the next day, all the three were traced.

The driver was booked for rash driving on a public way (BNS 281) and endangering life or personal safety of others (BNS 125).

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BALL OF FIRE

A pigeon perched on the light post, as the sky turns into shades of orange during the sunset in Bengaluru on Friday | ALLEN EGENUSE J

'Plant 10 saplings for each tree felled'

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THE Karnataka high court noted that against each tree to be felled, ten saplings should be planted. Thus, for felling 530 trees, the hospital should plant 5,380 trees. In its application before the court, the hospital, which is under the Ministry of Defence, stated that it proposed to construct a modern 800-bed hospital complex at Ulsoor.

Rail project

K-RIDE has to translocate and remove trees as per the tree officer's order for construction of Bengaluru Suburban Rail Project (BSRP) of Corridor 4, from Ambedkarnagar to Channasandra railway station (Block-1) and Channasandra railway station to Muddenahalli Line Cross, Bengaluru (Block-2). A committee of experts found that 528 trees, including 226 in Block 2, were illegally felled.

Referring to illegal felling of trees, the court said an additional condition has been imposed on K-RIDE that it should plant 5,000 more saplings for the trees permitted to be felled. Further, the FIR filed against illegal felling of trees should be taken to its logical end, the court said.

Rowdy-sheeter arrested for stabbing four in Indiranagar

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IN a major breakthrough, the Indiranagar police arrested a rowdy-sheeter, who had stabbed four persons within a span of a few hours, creating panic among the residents of the upscale Indiranagar. Three of his family members have also been arrested for harbouring him and misleading the police.

The accused, identified as Kadamba (23), is a resident of Jogupalya. He has six cases against him. On the night of February 8, he allegedly stabbed a 19-year-old youth, two pani puri vendors, and a motorcycle rider near 100 Feet Road.

A senior police officer told TNIE that Kadamba was booked under Section 109 (attempt to murder) of the BNS, while his father Suresh, elder brother Vishu, and sister were arrested for harbouring (to hide or protect someone who is wanted by the police) him and providing false information to the police.

Following multiple complaints, the police launched an investigation, analysing CCTV footage and keeping a close watch on the movements of Kadamba's family members. Upon tracking his location near Hoskote Bus Stand, police arrested him on Saturday evening and took him into custody. His family members were later arrested for misleading the police and communicating with him about police movements, the police officer said.

The police are questioning him to find the reasons behind the attack on four persons. Further investigation are on.

AKSHARA DASOHA WORKERS DEMAND SALARY HIKE, OTHER BENEFITS

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AHEAD of the state budget, cooks and kitchen assistants under the Akshara Dasoha scheme are demanding that the Karnataka government increase their honorarium to Rs 6,000 per month and their salary to Rs 10,000, and also grant them minimum wages and statutory benefits under labour laws.

The Karnataka Samyukta Akshara Dasoha Workers' Organisation, affiliated with All India United Trade Union Centre, urged the government to fulfill its earlier promise and address their long-pending demands in this year's budget. Workers from across the state mentioned that they are seeking minimum wages, Employee Provident Fund, Employees' State Insurance benefits, a retirement compensation of at least Rs 2 lakh, and essential work gear such as uniforms, gloves, scarves, and aprons. Highlighting the rising cost of living, the workers stated that the Rs 3,600 monthly salary is insufficient. They demanded an immediate increase in salary to at least Rs 10,000.

K Somasekhara Yadgiri, State Secretary, AIUTUC, pointed out that the Karnataka government has included cooks and kitchen assistants in its minimum wage employment list under the 2000 Minimum Wages Act. However, he questioned why only education department workers continue to receive Rs 3,600 per month as their salary, while those in other departments earn higher wages.

The members stated that these workers are often made to take on tasks beyond their job description, and should be paid throughout the year, not just during school sessions.

In response, PM Poshan Director Sadashiva Prabhu, along with Joint Director of School Education Hasan Mohiddin and Assistant Director Manjunath, assured that a meeting with union representatives will be held next week before the budget to address their demands.

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Hi Life Exhibition in Bengaluru

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Union minister Pralhad Joshi charged that the violence against the police at Udayagiri in Mysuru was pre-planned, and added that the incident was a result of the appeasement politics practised by the Congress government

Jarkiholi: Need Siddu in politics for Cong to win 2018 election

ENS @ Belagavi

STATING that CM Siddaramaiah's leadership will be immensely important for Congress to win the 2028 Assembly elections, PWD Minister **Satish Jarkiholi** on Saturday said the chief minister should be in active politics in the state for another term (post 2028 polls).

Speaking to the media in Bengaluru, he said Congress needs Siddaramaiah under any circumstance. "He has been delivering effectively as chief minister. He should work for the party's growth even after completing his term as CM. We all in the party need his leadership in the state to face upcoming challenges in politics. It has become inevitable for Congress to have him in the party until the alternative leadership emerges" he said.

Asked about his comments on the possible change of chief minister in the backdrop of a pact between Siddaramaiah and DCM DK Shivakumar, Jarkiholi said the media should ask the question to AICC president Mallikarjun Kharge and General Secretary Randeep Singh Surjewala. He said he is not aware of the party's stand on the issue. "I am not aware whether there was a power-sharing pact between any leaders and I also don't have any idea whether Siddaramaiah himself would continue to be CM," he added. On reports that Congress will replace Shivakumar as KPCC president, Jarkiholi said he was absolutely unaware of it and one has to wait and see whether there would be a change of guard in the state party unit. He said none of the Congress leaders are opposed to the party's stand on any issues. The leaders are only demanding their rights, which can be seen as anti-party, he said.

"We are free to voice our opinions before the party top brass. We have already told this to the party leadership. Nobody in the party is opposed to any top leader. We are all united in the state Congress," he clarified.

Gowda: Will fight for better share of Godavari-Krishna-Cauvery water

Asks Prime Minister Narendra Modi to increase allocation from 15.891 tmcft to 25 tmcft

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FORMER prime minister **HD Deve Gowda** asserted here on Saturday that Karnataka should receive 25 tmcft of water under the Godavari-Krishna-Cauvery irrigation project. He pledged to fight for this cause alongside all political parties.

He expressed his displeasure over the allocation of 15.891 tmcft of water out of 147/932 tmcft assessed as available for diversion as against the allocation for Tamil Nadu (40.930 TMCft). He said he will soon write to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, asking him to direct the National Water Development Agency (NWDA) to set right the injustice meted out to Karnataka.

"I have asked in Parliament how 15.891 tmcft of water from Godavari river will be diverted to Ghataprabha river. How is this feasible? Where exactly will Godavari be linked to Cauvery river? The project details are unclear, and Karnataka deserves accurate information. I will write to the PM on this," he told the media.

Telangana (45.061 tmcft), Andhra Pradesh (43.861) and Puducherry(2.189) have been allocated their share. He suggested that leaders from Karnataka should take the example of their Tamil Nadu counterparts in fighting for their state's interest on water issues.

"I won't hesitate to join Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar and Congress MPs in this fight. When it comes to Karnataka's interests, BJP, Congress, and JDS must set aside their differences and work together. I will not back away from such a united effort," he declared.

"We demand 25 tmcft for Karnataka. This is a major objective, and politics has no place in it. Internal differences among us will only weaken the cause," he emphasised, adding that irrigation should not be a political issue. "I have appealed to the Prime Minister and Union Jal Shakti Minister CR Patil to increase Karnataka's share of water," he said.

TN has no water scarcity, says former PM

"Excess water is flowing into the sea from Tamil Nadu. I have never raised this issue. When I spoke in Parliament about water allocation, Tamil Nadu MPs did not object," he said, adding that when he spoke in Parliament about the Godavari-Cauvery project, TN MPs vocally supported it.

"Karnataka must get justice in water allocation. That is my final wish. Before I pass away, I want to see the injustice done to the state in irrigation matters is rectified. I may live for another four years, and during that time, I will fight to resolve this issue. I will bring everyone together for this battle," an emotional Gowda said.

Skeptical about Yettinahole

Deve Gowda expressed doubts over the Yettinahole project yielding the expected results. "When Jagadish Shettar was CM, Rs 8,000 crore was allocated and the cost escalated to Rs 26,000 crore. Let me take you(media) people through the project's site to assess as to whether it will help fetch the water or not", he challenged.

JDS to hold a rally

JDS national president HD Deve Gowda announced that the party will organise a rally in the Old Mysuru region in May 2025.

Union Minister HD Kumaraswamy will hold a preliminary meeting on March 6, he informed.

Minister for Railways Ashwini Vaishnaw addresses a press conference, as BJP state president BY Vijayendra, Bangalore South MP Tejasvi Surya, and Bangalore Central MP PC Mohan look on, at the BJP head office in Bengaluru on Saturday | ALLEN EGENUSE J

'Will take steps to increase B'luru's rail network'

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"WITHOUT this, progress will be slow. People have high hopes, and to realise them, we need a strong technical team," Ashwini Vaishnaw added.

"We will submit a proposal to the state government. If it agrees, we will depute railway officials to K-RIDE to expedite the project," the minister said.

He said another major challenge was the failure of tenders for train sets (rolling stock) three times. "I conducted a detailed review this morning. The Railways will soon propose to supply trains for Bengaluru suburban rail project," Vaishnaw said, expressing dissatisfaction over K-RIDE's tenders. He made a presentation on the circular rail project around Bengaluru. The concept has been finalised and if implemented, it will help the city ease traffic congestion. "Bengaluru is connected by seven railway spokes. About a year ago, we introduced the idea of a circular rail network," he said.

Vaishnaw said that his ministry will take steps to increase Bengaluru's rail network area to take more trains and dispatch them from the present 200 trains per day to 400 per day in around six years in a phased manner. This will help abolish the waiting list.

Centre has nothing to do with Metro fare hike: Vaishnaw

Vaishnaw took strong exception to the Congress government in the state blaming the Centre for Metro fare hike.

"The fact is that the responsibility lies with the state government. Metro projects are basically governed by state governments as they will be knowing the ground realities with powers to make decisions. So, question the CM to know the reasons for Metro fare hike. The Fare Fixation Committee (FFC) was not formed by Delhi. A proposal should be prepared by the state government. The state is responsible for Metro services," he clarified.

VAISHNAW: UNION BUDGET WILL BENEFIT BENGALURU

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UNION Minister for Railways, Information and Broadcasting Ashwini Vaishnaw said here on Saturday that the Union budget has effectively dealt with the aspirations of lower strata and middle class of society by removing income tax for annual income of up to Rs 12 lakh.

He said NDA came to power at the Centre for the third consecutive term, a feat achieved after 50 years, because of the good work done by PM Narendra Modi. "People have seen changes in the north-south, east-west of the country because development work has been taken up in the last 10 years that has not been seen in 60-70 years," he remarked.

He said the Metro, new airports, 390 new universities, new IITs and IIMs have made a significant change. "Despite having talent, technology, and entrepreneurship, in 2014 our country was considered one of the five weakest economies. Now, among all the big countries, ours is considered healthy in economy and other sectors," he claimed.

"We have Rs 50 lakh crore, and the fiscal deficit is 4.8%, which is going to decline to 4%. I recently visited Davos. The IMF chief expressed surprise after hearing our PM's thoughts on the economic sector. Ten years ago, farmer suicides were rampant. Now, the best MSP (minimum support price) is available, which is three times higher than it was 10 years ago," he elaborated.

The condition of MSMEs has also improved despite Covid and it will thrive due to good credit systems and support from big industries, he said. "We can confidently say we are in a position to keep inflation under control and maintain a growth rate of 6-8%," he remarked.

"A mobile manufacturing unit that will provide employment to 40,000-50,000 people will be started in Bengaluru," he said. The union budget with maximum focus on technology benefits Bengaluru as funding has been announced for deep tech startups, he added.

Warns Congress govt

Ashwini Vaishnaw warned the Karnataka government against setting a negative narrative on the Centre. If it continues, Congress will face the same fate as AAP in Delhi, he added.

"The people of Delhi punished AAP for the false narrative it set against the Centre. Come out of the blame game and support the Centre in Railway and highway projects," he said. On allegations that the Centre meted out injustice to the state, he hit back, saying the Union budget allocated Rs 7,564 crore to railway projects in the state compared to Rs 835 crore during the UPA-II government (2009-14). He said the state can make use of the 50-year interest-free loans as the budget has increased the fund from Rs 1 lakh crore to Rs 1.5 lakh crore for states to utilise.

Show ends, action begins: Time for state govt to walk the talk

TWO high-octane events held earlier this week ended on an optimistic note. The Global Investors Meet -Invest Karnataka 2025 attracted Rs 10.27 lakh crore in investment commitments, while the 15TH edition of India's premier airshow, Aero India 2025, showcased a big leap ahead for the domestic defence manufacturing sector. However, the real action begins now, as accomplishing the task set out requires much time, effort and focus.

The biggest takeaway from the Global Investors' Meet is that 75% of the investment commitments are for outside Bengaluru. That is a big gain for the state and a relief to the state capital, which can no longer cope with burgeoning growth.

Chock-a-block roads, which caused traffic congestion for several hours on high-density airport corridors during the air show, yet again proved the limitations of the city's infrastructure and the administrators. Given the profile of the two big events that had attendees from around the world, traffic should have been managed more aptly to give an even better impression of Bengaluru and India. A lack of coordination between the military and civil authorities was evident.

Notwithstanding its infrastructure limitations, Bengaluru and Karnataka continue to be among the top investment destinations. The investors' meet again proved it. The real challenge is not attracting investments to Bengaluru — which has already attained a global status and a critical mass to continue on its growth trajectory — but to spread it to lesser developed regions of the state to ensure equitable growth and development in Karnataka.

North Karnataka — especially Kalyan Karnataka — needs a bigger push. It is encouraging to know that 45% of the investments committed during the investors' meet are for North Karnataka. Although a district-wise break-up would throw more light, the government's focus on taking industries beyond Bengaluru is a welcome move.

Minister for Industries and Infrastructure MB Patil is confident of converting commitments into investments and is realistic that the process will take its own time. Those associated with previous editions of investors' meets and the process of following up with investors are cautiously optimistic about the outcome. The Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) merely reflect the intent of the firms to invest in the state and that the government will provide facilities and concessions as per its policies. The Industries Department has to pursue the investors keeping in mind that they will prefer the states which make quick decisions, offer a transparent system, and provide better incentives. The New Industrial Policy 2025 which was released during the investors' summit, focuses on most of these aspects, including ease-of-doing business and incentivising investment in the backward regions.

However, given the big claims and poor conversion ratio in the past, the government should consider putting in place a transparent system that enables people to know the department's efforts to realise investments. There can be plenty of reasons such as competitors taking advantage of such information for the lack of a transparent system. We need to address such concerns. Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and MB Patil should take proactive confidence-building measures to encourage investors and ensure accountability among the officers.

Veteran Congress legislator and former Industries Minister RV Deshpande, who pioneered the concept of investors' meet in Karnataka, says investors have faith in assurances given by the state and would be more forthcoming with their commitments. The Federation of Karnataka Chamber of Commerce and Industries (FKCCI) is also buoyant about the prospects.

The investors' summit and the airshow, held almost simultaneously, complemented each other. Many defence and aviation firms were part of both the events. While the airshow offered a peek into opportunities in the Indian defence and aviation sector, Karnataka, which is a hub of defence and aviation manufacturing, tried to woo global players in the sector. Both the events became platforms to explore investment opportunities and collaborations.

Many firms including Airbus, Rolls-Royce, and Safran are looking to scale up sourcing from India. Karnataka, which contributes around 67% of India's aircraft and helicopter manufacturing for armed forces and 65% of aerospace exports, is the top destination for many firms. The state stands to gain from the investments coming from abroad, and also from the Union government's push to encourage domestic production.

In the Union Budget 2025-26, a record allocation of Rs 6.81 lakh crore has been made to the Defence Ministry, including Rs 1.80 lakh crore for capital acquisition. Like earlier, 75% of the modernisation budget has been reserved for procurement through domestic sources. This shows the enormous potential of the domestic manufacturing sector.

The two big shows painted a bullish picture. Now, it's time for the governments to walk the talk and accomplish the task they have set out on.

EXPRESS READ

BJP accuses govt of closing universities

BENGALURU: Senior BJP leaders accused the state government of deciding to close eight universities in the state. BJP MLA CN Ashwath Narayan said the government's decision to close eight universities is a big setback for the state's development. Instead of providing quality education to the youth, the state government is closing universities, citing a lack of funds, the BJP leader said. Universities are not commercial establishments to make profits and the government must provide quality education to youth, he said. Leader of Opposition in the Assembly R Ashoka said the Chief Minister Siddaramaiah government's decision to close the universities will force the youth from Karnataka to go to other states for higher education.

'Playing politics in religion doesn't make one Hindu'

ENS @ Mangaluru

ACTOR **Prakash Rai** on Saturday said mixing politics with religious worship does not make one a 'real Hindu'. Rai, who was visiting Mangaluru, was responding to a media query on his morphed image of taking a dip at Maha Kumbh Mela.

"I don't believe in religion. Mixing politics even in religious matters does not make them real Hindus. They trolled me using an edited AI-generated picture with an objectionable caption. Spreading falsehood or misinformation on WhatsApp universities just because a person criticises a government or an individual is being done by people like Prashanth Sambargi. We have filed a case against him. AI is a wonderful technology, but using it to morph a person's image is an offence," he said.

To another query on the state government not having funds for development work, he said, "In an electoral process or in politics, Opposition does not win, but the ruling party loses. If Congress has come to power now, means it is them who will lose next. How they are governing matters. If the government is under loss, we need to question. Where are you failing? A government or a nation runs with citizens' money. A few days ago, the Supreme Court asked whether 'freebies are creating a class of parasites, people not willing to work'. If so, does waiving off corporate loans also make them parasites? Instead of looking at which party governs the state, we must question how the taxpayers' money is utilised by governments."

CM to babus: Implement law to stop harassment by lenders

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CM Siddaramaiah instructed district commissioners and police chiefs of all districts to effectively implement the law brought through the Karnataka Micro Loan and Small Loan (Prevention of Coercive Actions) Ordinance 2025. He warned that if any incident of harassment to borrowers is reported, the DC and the SP of the respective district will be directly held responsible. Holding a meeting with DCs, police commissioners and SPs through video conference on Saturday evening, the CM directed them to ensure that the purpose of introducing the new law is not defeated. He asked them to immediately put an end to the harassment by lenders using rowdy elements to recover loans. Further, he instructed them to take steps to close down finance companies that are operating without valid registration.

"There should be continuous vigil against unlicensed microfinance companies. Also, it should be ensured that licensed firms are operating as per RBI guidelines. Criminal cases should be filed against those indulging in forceful recovery of loans," he directed. Further, he asked the SPs to register suo motu cases if they come across incidents of harassment by moneylenders. "It has come to my notice that after the new law is brought, such cases have drastically come down in many districts. By implementing the law effectively, such incidents must be completely stopped," the CM instructed.

Centre sabotaging Jal Jeevan Mission: CM

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CHIEF Minister Siddaramaiah on Saturday slammed Union Minister of State for Jal Shakti **V Somanna** for accusing the state government of not utilising funds released for the Jal Jeevan mission. Somanna is peddling lies to cover up the Union Government's deliberate sabotage of the Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) in Karnataka, the CM stated.

"Every rupee released by the Centre has been fully utilized by Karnataka! But the Modi Govt continues to block funds and deny Karnataka its rightful share!" the CM stated.

The allocation for JJM was Rs 49,262 crore (Centre's share - Rs 26,119 crore and state's share - Rs 23,142 crore), and the total fund released was Rs 32,202 crore, including Rs 11,760 crore as Centre's share and Rs 20,442 crore as state's share. The total funds spent by Karnataka was Rs 29,413 crore.

The CM stated that of the Centre's share of Rs 26,119 crore, it only released Rs 11,760 crore, which is just 45 per cent of its commitment, while the state released 88.3 per cent.

Siddaramaiah stated that the Centre's neglect continued in fiscal 2024-25, when it allocated Rs 3,804 crore, but released Rs 570 crore. "Despite writing multiple letters, no further funds have been released. Karnataka, on the other hand, has released Rs 4,977 crore from its budget against an allocation of Rs 7,652 crore," he stated.

Meanwhile, Somanna hit back at Siddaramaiah, saying, "The Congress government's long-standing tradition of failing Karnataka and blaming the Central government won't work anymore. Your government is quick to point fingers, but it is paralysed when it comes to delivering results. Built on false guarantees, your government is collapsing under its own failures — yet instead of taking responsibility, you conveniently shift the blame on the Central government."

Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan has criticised the Union government for sanctioning a loan instead of a grant for the rehabilitation of Wayanad landslide victims. Pinarayi said the Union government is not considering Kerala as a state in the country

NO FUNDS TILL TN ACCEPTS NEP: PRADHAN

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UNION Minister of Education **Dharmendra Pradhan** on Saturday categorically said that funds under the Samagra Shiksha scheme will not be released for Tamil Nadu unless the state government accepts the National Education Policy (NEP), 2020, in its entirety. He accused the DMK government of acting out of political motivations and questioned why TN alone is resisting the policy when the rest of the country has implemented it.

The minister was speaking to reporters at the inauguration of the Kashi Tamil Sangamam in Varanasi. Pradhan claimed the TN government had initially agreed to the Centre's conditions but later withdrew. Claiming that the non-release of funds was the state's fault, he said, "They are politically motivated and not acting for the welfare of the people of TN."

Saying that the state must adhere to constitutional norms, he said, "They cannot think they are above the constitution. They must accept the NEP in letter and spirit. Why are they not accepting it, while all other parts of the country do?"

To a question that pointed out the NEP includes implementation of the three-language policy, Pradhan asked if TN was against the Tamil language as the NEP emphasises that the local language is the primary medium of instruction. He said Union government schools in TN already follow a three-language system. "If a student wants to learn Tamil, English and Kannada, what is wrong with that?" he asked.

Asked if the funds would be withheld indefinitely, he said it is based on the rule of law. He asked why the TN government wouldn't follow the established framework of governance, and charged that "they are divisive people".

Responding to the union minister's remarks, TN School Education Minister Anbil Mahesh Poyyamozhi told reporters at Tiruchy airport that the union government should not play politics in matters related to education and demanded that the pending SS funds of ₹2,158 be released immediately. "Over 40 lakh students and 32,000 teachers depend on these funds, and withholding them directly affects their future. TN is spending ₹76 crore each month and ₹920 crore per year on teacher salaries from its own resources. Additionally, the state has to allocate ₹400 crore annually for the Right to Education (RTE) scheme, a burden that is increasing due to the lack of central support," he said.

JAYALALITHAA DA CASE

27 KG OF VALUABLES HANDED OVER TO TN GOVT

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The valuables of former Tamil Nadu chief minister J Jayalalithaa being loaded for transportation to Tamil Nadu, in Bengaluru on Saturday | VINOD KUMAR T

A small gold replica of former Tamil Nadu chief minister J Jayalalithaa along with a gold pen, gold sword and gold watches were among the 27 kg of valuable items that were handed over to the Tamil Nadu government on Saturday, after the completion of documentation and valuation. The items were seized in connection with the Disproportionate Assets (DA) case registered against Jayalalithaa.

On Friday morning, the valuation and documentation process began in the presence of City Civil and Sessions Court Judge H A Mohan, who handles cases related to the CBI and ED; J Anne Mary Swarna, joint secretary, home prohibition and excise department, Government of Tamil Nadu, a superintendent of police and other officials.

The valuation was completed on Saturday afternoon, after which 1,606 items, including gold jewellery, diamonds, emeralds, rubies and silver articles weighing around 27 kg, were officially handed over to representatives of the Tamil Nadu government.

Around 2.30 pm, under heavy police security, six trunks containing the valuables were transported to Tamil Nadu in a private logistics vehicle. Two Tamil Nadu police vans and two cars escorted the vehicle. A total of 25 police personnel from Tamil Nadu were assigned to escort the valuables, while Karnataka police provided security until the convoy crossed the Karnataka-Tamil Nadu border.

Addressing a press conference on Saturday, Special Public Prosecutor Kiran S Javali said the decision on the next steps whether to auction the items or deposit them with the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) rests with the Tamil Nadu government. Apart from these valuables, a luxury bus was also seized during the proceedings, and the court has directed that it be auctioned. Additionally, properties registered under six different companies, covering an extent of 1,526 acres across the districts of Chennai, Thanjavur, Chengalpattu, Kanchipuram, Tiruvallur and Thoothukudi have been confiscated. These properties will either be auctioned or converted into government land, he said.

According to the court order copy accessed by TNIE, old currency notes amounting to Rs 2,20,384 were found in the treasury boxes and have been transferred to Tamil Nadu officials. Fixed Deposit receipts totalling Rs 10 crore were also handed over.

The court felt that instead of auctioning these properties, the TN government should make a decision to keep the confiscated lands either for public purposes or to distribute sites to the homeless and poor, or to sell them in public auction and use the proceeds for infrastructure development, primary education and healthcare in rural areas of Tamil Nadu.

The court also ordered the reimbursement of Rs 13 crore to the Karnataka government, which includes Rs 5 crore previously spent on expenses related to the case.

No rift with Rahul, working under his guidance: TG CM

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AFTER a tête-à-tête with Congress leader Rahul Gandhi in Delhi on Saturday, Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy sought to dispel rumours of a rift between them, affirming that there is "no gap" as is being made out.

The much-anticipated conversation, which came after months of speculation on the relationship between Revanth Reddy and Rahul Gandhi, saw the CM categorically dismissing any notion of discord, labelling such reports as mere "speculation." Speaking to reporters during an informal interaction, he emphasised that his work was in direct alignment with the goals and guidance of Rahul Gandhi.

"I am working under the guidance of Rahul Gandhi," Revanth Reddy stated. He further elaborated on his commitment to advancing Rahul's agenda in the state, specifically citing the ongoing caste census as their shared political vision. He also said that the state Assembly will pass a resolution in the ensuing Budget session for an increase in reservations to 42 percent to the BCs, and send it to Parliament.

The meeting between the two leaders lasted for several hours, during which the CM briefed Rahul on the progress of the socio-economic, educational, employment, political, and caste survey currently underway in Telangana. He also invited Rahul to a public event celebrating the success of the caste census. The CM is understood to have been given the responsibility of coordinating with the chief ministers of the parties who are part of the INDIA-bloc to garner support for Congress' demand for conducting caste enumeration along with Census 2025.

"The caste census in the state is a roadmap to the nation," he said, while adding that the caste survey was conducted purely for public welfare purposes and certainly not with an objective of political gain. He accused the opposition parties of unnecessarily making it an issue by provoking people.

Responding to the criticism of BJP leaders, he said that he had not disrespected the Prime Minister's chair or Narendra Modi individually.

Hangyo Ice Creams celebrates 22nd Founder's Day in B'luru

Bengaluru: Hangyo Ice Creams celebrated its 22nd Founder's Day at its Bengaluru corporate office. Pradeep Pai, founder and managing director; Dinesh Pai, founder and executive chairman; Jagadish R Pai, founder and executive director) and Ullas Kamath & Company, founder, Uk&Co, a valued partner in Hangyo's journey of success were present on the occasion. The event commenced with a thanksgiving ceremony, acknowledging the dedication of employees, partners and customers who have been instrumental in the brand's remarkable growth. The celebration also witnessed the launch of Hangyo's latest innovation – the Choco Roadie Bar (Rave Series), a delectable treat crafted for adventure-seekers and premium ice cream lovers in the presence of Deepa Pai, VP (branding and advertising), Dinesh Shenoy, COO; Manjunath SS, VP (sales), Sankeern Pai, head (business development; Srinivas Pai, head, business development; Sri Krishna Pai, head, business development and Mahesh Shivaram, GM (marketing and branding. **ENS**

EXPRESS READ

3 kill 2 youth for opposing illegal liquor sale

Mayiladuthurai (TN): Two youngsters, including an engineering student, were murdered by a three-member gang near Muttam in Mayiladuthurai district on the intervening night of Friday and Saturday. The police arrested all three on Saturday. The relatives of the victims -- B Sakthi, 20, an engineering student from Srinivasapuram, and his relative K Harish, 25, from Muttam -- alleged that the youth were murdered for opposing illegal liquor sales in the village. **ENS**

Kavitha slams Cong over activists' arrest

Khammam: BRS MLC K Kavitha criticised the Congress government, stating that its failures are becoming evident to the public. On Saturday, she visited Khammam Jail and met BRS activist Lakkineni Surender. Speaking to the media later, she alleged that BRS activists were being arrested without cause. She accused the government of misusing the SC/ST Atrocities Act to target leaders who question its failures. "The government is trying to suppress KCR's supporters, but no one can silence us," she said. **ENS**

Police rescue abducted baby, arrest two

Kochi: After a daring two-hour operation, Ernakulam Rural police rescued a one-month-old baby from kidnappers on Friday. Officers nabbed two suspects, identified as Rinki, 20, a transgender person, and Rashidul Haq, 29 -- both from Assam. According to police, the kidnappers had demanded Rs 70,000 from the parents for the infant's release. Officers launched an extensive search operation and intercepted the suspects' vehicle around 10 pm near Koratty and rescued the infant. **ENS**

Indian Institute of Information Technology, Design and Manufacturing, Kancheepuram
(An Institute of National Importance established by Govt. of India)
Melakottaiyur, Vandalur - Kelambakkam Road, Chennai - 600 127, Tamil Nadu, India

ADVERTISEMENT : FACULTY RECRUITMENT

Advt.No. IIITDMK/R/1/2025 dated 10th Feb 2025

IIITDM Kancheepuram, located at Chennai (25 km from airport) invites online applications for **various faculty positions (Assistant Professor Grade I/II)** under four tier flexible structure for various disciplines.

The applicants must have consistent academic record from reputed institutions with a commitment to teaching, research and product development.

Last date for submission of online application is 12th Mar 2025 (05:00 PM).

Detailed advertisement and procedure for applying online are available at Institute website **www.iiitdm.ac.in**

Registrar

TOWN MUNICIPAL COUNCIL, SEDAM.
Near State Bank of India, Sedam-585222, Dist : Kalaburagi, State : Karnataka
WebSite: www.sedamtown.mrc.gov.in Phone: 08441-277912-276932

NO:TMC-SEDAM/SFC/2024-25 Date: 13.02.2025

:: TENDER NOTIFICATION::

The Chief Officer TMC Sedam, Dist-Kalaburagi, Karnataka Invites Tenders Under The SFC (CAP, SCSP, TSP & Water Scarcity)- 2024-25, MF-2024-25, Through http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in KPP Portal as per the KTPP Act 2000 from Eligible Registered contractors

1) Works/Goods/Service Details:**1.** DMA/2024-25/OW/WORK_INDENT33731/CALL-2-Others **2.** DMA/2024-25/OW/WORK_INDENT34924-Others, **3.** DMA/2024-25/OW/WORK_INDENT 34920-Others, **4.** DMA/2024-25/SE4534-Others, **5.** DMA/2024-25/SE3591/CALL-3-Others 2) Head of Account: SFC (CAP, SCSP, TSP & Water Scarcity)- 2024-25, MF-2024-25, 3) Works/Goods/Service Estimated Cost: **Min Rs. 0.50 Lakhs to Max Rs. 76.90 Lakhs,** 4) Contractors/Agency/Suppliers Edibility: Eligible Registered contractors, 5) Works/Goods/Service Tender Cost: **Min Rs. 0.50 Lakhs to Max Rs. 76.90 Lakhs**, 6) Last date for applying the tender: **28.02.2025 Evening 17.30 Hours**, 7) Tenders Opening Date: **02.03.2025 Morning 11.00 Hours,** 8) Office Address and Contact Details: Town Municipal Council Sedam- 9611688976

Sd/- Chief Officer
TMC Sedam

DIPR/Kalaburagi/965/KSMC&A/2024-25

Shivamogga City Corporation, Shivamogga

ಕ್ರಮಾಂಕ: ಶಿಮನಪಾಶಿ:ಕಾವಿ:ಟೆಂಡರ್:38/2024–25 ದಿನಾಂಕ : 13.02.2025

TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through e- Procurement portal)

Tenders have been invited in two-cover system through KPP portal as per Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act 1999 and Standard Tender Document procedure to undertake the following Material/works in the limits of Shivamogga City Corporation. The bidders who are interested in participating through e-procurement tender can obtain the details in website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.**

1. Class of contractors: For Sl No 01 Class 3 and above, For Sl No 02 Class 2 and above. **2.** Last date for submission of tender through KPP portal For Sl No 01: **24.02.2025 upto 4.00 P M. 3.** Date of opening of Technical bid through KPP portal For Sl No 01: **25.02.2025 at 4.30 P M. 4.** Date of opening of Financial bid through KPP portal For Sl No 01 : **27.02.2025 at 4.30 P M. 5.** Last date for submission of tender through KPP portal For Sl No 02: **28.02.2025 upto 4.00 P M. 6.** Date of opening of Technical bid through KPP portal For Sl No 02: **01.03.2025 at 4.30 P M. 7.** Date of opening of Financial bid through KPP portal For Sl No 02 : **04.03.2025 at 4.30 P M.**

1. Indent No : **DMA/2024-25/IND3953/CALL-2,** Details of works : **Procuring of Truck Mounted Sucking cum Jetting Machines for maintenance of underground drainage in Shivamogga City Corporation,** Approx. amount (Rs. in lakhs) : **150.00**, Reservation : **Others,** Grants : **SBM-1.0 Balance Grant.**

2. Indent No : **DMA/2024-25/OW/Work_Indent18983/CALL-2**, Details of works : **Construction of Proposed 50TPD MRF Centre (Material Recovery Facility) of PEB Structure (PRIMARY & SECONDARY SHED) At Shimoga,** Approx. amount (Rs in lakhs) : **537.00**, Reservation : **Others,** Grants : **SBM 2.0 and Corporation's Grant.**

NOTE: 1.Any changes or corrigendum pertaining to this tender will be notified in KPP portal only.

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
City Corporation, Shivamogga

DIPR/SMG/No-99-02/zenkar/2024-25

GOLDEN PALM CANTEEN (BRV), BANGALORE AND ITS EXTENSION CENTEENS (KARNATAKA)

JOB VACANCY

1. Applications are invited for the following posts : -

Name of Post	GPC (BRV), Bangalore	GPC Cell, Bangalore	GPEC, Sena Vihar	GPEC, RSAOI	GPEC, Whitefield	GPEC, Mysore	GPEC, KGF	GPEC, Hassan
Clerical staff	02	-	01	-	01	01	-	-
Asst Manager-cum-Senior Storekeeper	03	-	-	01	01	-	-	-
Storekeeper	06	-	-	01	01	-	01	-
MTS (Multi Tasking Staff)	-	01	-	-	01	-	-	-
Billing Clerk-Cum-Salesperson	11	01	01	07	02	01	02	02
Watchman	-	-	-	-	-	-	02	-
Dispatch Rider (DR)	01	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	23	02	02	09	06	02	05	02

2. Employment will be for 11 (eleven) months on contract basis. interested candidates may visit GPC website gpcscblr.co.in for details of eligibility criteria, format for submitting applications/Bio Data and other details. Eligible Wards/ Dependents of ESM will attach necessary birth certificate supported by Board of Secondary School Examination Certificate along with copies of Pension Pay Order (PPO) and Extract of Discharge Book containing family details.
3. Applications to be forwarded to Canteen Officer, Golden Palm Canteen Cell, C/o HQ K & K Sub Area, Cubbon Road, Bangalore with full Bio Data, Resume & Mobile Number through registered post or Mail ID gpccellkksa@gmail.com by 10th March 2025. Applications received after 10 March 2025 will not be considered.
4. All candidates desirous of applying for the posts shall attach a certificate signed by them that I was not placed under any discipline Vigilance (DV) Ban/No case of corruption was reported against me during my service. For Civilians. No FIR/Criminal case should be pending.

Note: JCOs, NCOs and OR with Exemplary character and Medical Category SHAPE-1 can only apply.

Sd/-
Colonel, Chairman
Golden Palm Canteen, Cubbon Road, Bangalore-1

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Website: www.kswc.karnataka.gov.in

No.:KSWC/TECH/ Quotations/2522/2024-25 Date: 15.02.2025

NOTIFICATION

KSWC invites quotations from licensed manufacturer/ supplier for supply of **60 No.s of Digital Moisture Meters & 30 of No.s Power sprayers**. Interested manufacturers should submit the Quotations to The Managing Director, Karnataka State Warehousing Corporation, "Ugrana Bhavan", No 43, Primrose Road, Bengaluru-560025 on or before **21.02.2025.** Detailed terms and conditions are available in the official KSWC Website. **www.kswc.karnataka.gov.in**

DIPR/CP/JA/5078/2024-25 Sd/- Managing Director

Office of the Executive Engineer, P.W.D. Special division, Shimoga

Ph: 08182-222943, E-Mail : spdivision@gmail.com

Short-term Tender Notification (Two cover system)

IFT No. 38/2024-25 Date: 14.02.2025

The Executive Engineer, Public Works Department, Shimoga Special Division, invites tenders as per K.T.P.P act 2000, in standard Bid document K/W-3 (two cover system) Contractors has registered in PWD Department Class-3 & above can apply under head of **account 3054-03-337-0-05-200-SH Road Maintenance Total-01 (Indent No. 19121) in Bhadravathi tq, Amount put to tender is. Rs.84.61 Lakhs, EMD amount is Rs.1.69 Lakhs. Time allowed for completion of work is 06 Months including Monsoon.** The tenderers may submit tenders through KPPP- portal of the Government of Karnataka (viz, http://KPPP.karnataka.gov.in).The Tenderers are advised to note the minimum qualification criteria specified in Clause 3 of the Section-2 (Instructions to tenderers) of document, to qualify for award of the contract. Tender documents may be downloaded from the e-Procurement portal from **14-02-2025 to 21-02-2025 Last date for Receipt of Tender is on 21-02-2025 at 17.00 PM. The Technical bid will be opned on 22-02-2025 at 05.30 PM onwards and Financial bid will be opened after 23-02-2025 Onwards.** If there any changes in publication, it will be publishing through E-Procurement only. For more information may be obtained from the office during working hours. Information published in Website is final

DIPR/SMG/No.110-02zenkar/2024-25 Sd/-Executive Engineer, PWD Special Division, Shimoga.

EQUITAS SMALL FINANCE BANK LTD

Registered Office: No.769, Spencer Plaza, 4th Floor, Phase-II, Anna Salai, Chennai, TN - 600 002

POSSESSION NOTICE

(Rule 8(1) of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002)
(For Immovable Property)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the EQUITAS SMALL FINANCE BANK LIMITED a Company incorporated under the Companies Act, 1956 and within the meaning of section-2 (20) of the Companies Act, 2013 and Banking Company, within the meaning of section 5(C) of under the Banking Regulation Act, 1949 having its registered office 4th Floor, Phase-II, Spencer Plaza, 769, Anna Salai, Chennai - 600 002, and having branch offices in the various places throughout India. Under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued a demand notice dated **19/11/2024** calling upon Borrower / Co-Borrower/ Guarantors/ Mortgagors **1. Mrs. S. Lokeshwani, Proprietor - Abhi Fashion, 2. Mr. R. Shankar** to Repay The amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.37,14,368/- (Rupees Thirty Seven Lakhs Fourteen Thousand Three Hundred and Sixty Eight Only)** as on **09/11/2024** with subsequent interest, penal interest, charges, costs etc as per the agreement(s) within 60 days from the date of the said notice. The Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantors/ Mortgagors, having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantors / Mortgagors in particular and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 of the said Rules.

The Borrower / Co-Borrower / Guarantors / Mortgagors, having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower / Co-Borrower / Guarantors / Mortgagors in particular and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 of the said Rules.

The Borrower / Co-Borrower / Guarantors / Mortgagors attention is invited to provisions of sub- section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

The Borrower / Co-Borrower / Guarantors / Mortgagors in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of Equitas Small Finance Bank Limited for the amount due from the borrower(s) and interest thereon.

SCHEDULE OF THE SECURED IMMOVABLE ASSETS

Property owned by Mrs. S. Lokeshwani. All that pieces and parcels of property bearing Khatha 26/4-101, (B Khatha), Serial No.324, (previously Site bearing No. 101, bearing Assessment No.26/4 of Sirigandhadakaval Village, Old Khatha No.2837. Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk) within the administrative limits of BBMP, Ward No.129, situated at Sirigandhdakaval, Bengaluru, measuring East to West 40 Feet and North to South 15 Feet, in total 600 Square Feet with all present and future structures thereon. **Four Corners of the Said Property:** North: Site No. 100, South: Southern portion of Site No. 101, East: Road West, West: Others Property, Together with all buildings and structure attached to the earth or permanently fastened to anything attached to earth, both present and future and all easementary/mamool rights annexed thereto.

Date: 12/02/ 2025 Authorised Officer
Place: Bangalore District. Equitas Small Finance Bank Ltd

PUBLIC NOTICE

(CHANGE OF SCHOOL NAME)

This is to inform the General Public that Souhardha Public School, No. 14, Bharath Nagar, Hesaraghatta Main Road, Bangalore - 560097 School name changed As "National Public School". Vide Memo to DDPI Letter No.ಅನು-3/ಪ್ರಾ.ಶಿ.ಅ/ಖಾ.ಶಾ.ಪೆ.ತಿ/ 05/2023-24 Dated: 07/11/2023 which is run by Society For Women Development (R), Bangalore - 560097.

Sd/- Secreatary

CITY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL KOLLEGAL.

CHAMARAJANAGAR DISTRICT

NO. MUNI/KGL/E.S/TENDER/CR/09/2024-25 Date: 12.02.2025
ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:ಮುನಿ/ಕೊನಸ/ತಾ.ಪಿ/ಟೆಂಡರ್/09/2024-25

SHORT TENDER NOTIFICATION

(Through KPPP portal only)

The City Municipal Commissioner, Kollegal Chamarajanagar District, invites e-procurement short term tender from eligible contractors under Kw-2 document Under Work details as follows. 1) Name of work: Construction of Grey water filtration plant in Shankanapura, Mudigunda, Anagagalli, Devanga Burial ground and Naidu Thoda extension in CMC Kollegal limits under 2024-25 15th Finance tied Grants (DMA/2024-25/WS/WORK_INDENT30149/CALL-2) **Estimate Cost: 50.00 Lakhs, EMD Amount: 52675.00, Period of Completion: 05 Months. Last date for uploading of completed tender documents: 25.02.2025 at 5.30 P.M, Last date of receiving tender 25.02.2025 at 5.30 P.M,** Date of opening of tenders technical bids: 27.02.2025 at 11.00 A.M & Date of opening of Financial bids: Informed after Successful technical Bid Contractors, Interested contractors shall register on the e-procurement platform to participate in this tender. Contractors can download the tender documents from e-procurement platform (https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in) Tenders shall be submitted electronically at https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in EMD and tender processing fees shall also be paid electronically.

Sd/-
Municipal Commissioner,
City Municipal Council of Kollegal

DIPR:CHANAGAR:623:2024-25

Indian Bank

DEMAND NOTICE

Notice under Sec. 13 (2) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002

1. **Borrower: M/s Sanjeevini Veg Restaurant,** Proprietorship firm, No:383/156/184, Katha No 1068, Near Legacy Building, Neeladri Layout, Doddathoguru Village, Begur Hobli, Bengaluru, Karnataka 560100
2. **Proprietor: Mr P S Bala Chandra Sekharan,** S/o Mr Sadasiva Rao,No: 2/93G2, Plot No: 183, 3rd cross, Bagalur Road, NGGOs colony,Hosur, Krishnagiri – 635109
3. **Guarantor/Mortgagor: Mr Prabhakar Rao P B** S/o Mr Balachandra Sekar P S, **Address 1:** No: 2/93-G2, 3rd cross, Bagalur Road, NGGOs colony, Hosur, Krishnagiri – 635109 **Address 2 :** Villa No : 8, Concord Cuppertino,Neeldari Nagar,Electronic City, Bangalore - 560100

Sub : Your loan account/s SOD –6201509244 with Indian Bank Hosur branch – Reg You committed default in repayment of loans to the tune of **Rs. 46,80,979/- (Rupees Forty-six lakh Eighty Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy Nine only)** and the said amount carries further interest at the agreed rate from 04.02.2025 till date of repayment. The bank issued notice under the Act on 04.02.2025 calling upon you to repay the outstanding amount of **Rs. 46,80,979/- (Rupees Forty-six lakh Eighty Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy Nine only)** as on 03.02.2025. The notice sent to you by registered post has been returned unserved.

Therefore, all of you and each of you are hereby called upon to pay the amount due as on 04.02.2025 viz- **Rs. 46,80,979/- (Rupees Forty-six lakh Eighty Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy Nine only)** together with interest from this date till date of payment within 60 days from the date of this notice issued under Sec.13(2) failing which Bank will be constrained to exercise its rights of enforcement of security interest as against the secured assets given in the schedule hereunder. This notice is without prejudice to any other right remedy available to the bank.

This notice is without prejudice to any other remedy available to the bank – including its right to proceed with DRT/RO of DRT/DRAT/Court.

SCHEDULE

The specific details of the assets in which security interest is created are enumerated hereunder:

Mortgaged assets : Owned by Mr P B Prabhakar Rao

In Chennathur Village of Hosur Taluk and attached to Hosur Sub Registration District, Krishnagiri Registration District of Krishangiri District and also attached to the village panchayat limits of Chennathur and Union council of Hosur (Now attached to the Municipal limits of Hosur Municipality)

Survey Number 866/1 Extent Ac.0.85 cents, Asst.Rs.0.95 np., which has been converted into a layout comprising various house sites, out of this the house site measuring:

East to West on the North: 27 feet
East to West on the South: 33 feet
North to South on the East: 45 feet
North to South on the West: 44 feet 6 inches

i.e., measuring an area of 1328 square feet, including all common rights in the layout roads and situated within the following boundaries:

East: Patta Land
West: Property of TNHB
North: Property of TNHB
South: Road

The above site is now forming part of the new sub division survey no. 866/1A3B.

AUTHORISED OFFICER
INDIAN BANK

NORTHERN POWER DISTRIBUTION COMPANY OF TELANGANA LIMITED,

Corporate Identity Number: U40109TG2000SGC034119

Tender Notice

TGNPDCL is intends to Purchase the Materials through e-Procurement platform from the Manufacturers.
Specification No. : **CGM/P&MM/STN-186 to STN-215/2024-25**
Name of the Material: Various Materials, Bid Security @2% on Ex-Works. Downloading of Tenders through On-Line e-Procurement starts from 15.02.2024 at 11.00AM
For further details visit www.tender.telangana.gov.in and www.tgnpdcl.com
For obtaining Digital Key visit www.tsts.telangana.gov.in

Sd/- CHIEF ENGINEER (P&MM)
Cell: 9490610271
E-Mail: cgmpmm@tgnpdcl.com

DIPR RO NO. 1012-PP/CL-Agency/Advt/1/2024-25 Date: 15.02.2025

Kerala State IT Mission (KSITM)

Department of Electronics & Information Technology,
Government of Kerala
Saankethika, Vrindavan Gardens, Near EPF Office, Pattom P. O
Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala 695004, Tel: 0471 2525444

Tender Notice

Tender Ref. No: e-Governan/2/2025-KSITM/N Date: 14.02.2025

Kerala State IT Mission invites Expression of Interest (EOI) from interested agencies possessing the expertise for the Development and Implementation of an Integrated WhatsApp & Chatbot Solution

EOI shall be accepted only through online at https://etenders.kerala.gov.in and no manual submission of the same will be entertained. EOI document may be downloaded from https://etenders.kerala.gov.in/nicgep/app

Last date of EOI submission:06.03.2025 D3/169/2025/I&PRD

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the general public that my client, **Sri. Banday Jairam Venkata Narasimha Murthy,** S/o Sri. B.V. Narasayya has agreed to purchase the property bearing vacant **site No.5,** situated in the layout known as **"BVL COCO ALDEA"** and same is formed in Sy No. 15/2, of Abbachikkanahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, measuring East to West 12.00 Mtrs and North to South 18.00 Mtrs, totally measuring 216 Square Mtrs and bounded on: East by: Site No.6, West by: Site No.4, North by: 40 feet Road and South by: Property bearing Sy No. 18 from **Smt. RESHMI MUKHERJI,** D/o Sri Sunil Kumar Chakraborty, aged about 53 years, presently residing at Flat No.174, Tower-6, Pebble Bay Apartments, 1st Main Road, R.M.V. 2nd Stage, Bangalore - 560 094.

Any person/s having any kind of claim, objection, or right, whether by way of SALE, MORTAGAGE, LEASE, GIFT, INHERITANCE, POSESSION, LIEN or otherwise in respect of the above said property is hereby required to make such claims known in writing along with all supporting documents to the undersigned within **15 days** from the date of publication of this notice, failing which my client will proceed with sale transaction and complete the registration of the SALE DEED and any such claims shall be deemed to be waived.

For any objections or claims, contact:

Sd/-
C. PATTABI RAMAN
PR & PR Associates, Advocates.
No. 277, 7th Cross, 5th Main Road, Indiranagar I Stage, Bangalore - 560038. Contact No: +91 9341233935.

Place: Bangalore
Dated: 15-02-2025.

KARNATAKA HOUSING BOARD

3rd Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, K.G. Road, Bengaluru - 560009.

TENDER NOTIFICATION

(Through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal only)

Karnataka Housing Board invite tender from the eligible pre-qualified contractors & willing to pre-qualify in Karnataka Housing Board through Karnataka public procurement portal for below mentioned work.

Last date for submission of bid: 24.02.2025 up to 4 PM

Sl.No.	Name of the work
1	Construction of "Prajasoudha" Kolhar Taluk Adalitha Kendra at Kolhar Taluk, Vijayapura District. **Work Indent No:** Tender Reference No. KHB/2024-25/BD/work_indent 487/Call-2 & IFT No.249/2024-25 Date: 14.2.2025. **Amount put to tender:** Rs.6,48,42,971/-

For further information, contact below mentioned office address: Executive Engineer, Karnataka Housing Board, Cauvery Bhavan, Bengaluru. Telephone No: 080-22273511/080-22100077, Website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

DIPR/CP/5079/AKAR/2024-25 Sd/- Executive Engineer, Karnataka Housing Board, Bengaluru

Executive Engineer, Public Works Department, Kolar Division, Kolar-563101.

e-mail: eepwdkolar07@gmail.com, website:www.kpwd.gov.in
e-portal: http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in, Phone No: 08152-222022

e-tender Notification – K.W.4
Short Term Tender notification No: 41/ 2024-25 Dt. 12.02.2025

Tender is invited through KPP Portal for works in the limits of Kolar, Bangarpete, K.G.F,Malur, Mulbagal and Srinivasapura Taluk, Kolar District Public Works Department from the Eligible PWD Registration Contractor For KW-4 Work Under **H/A: 5054-SH & MDR Improvements & Renewals Estimate Cost: Minimum Rs.150.00 and Maximum Rs.500.00 Lakhs EMD Amount is Mentioned in KPP Portal Period for completion of work: 06 months.**

Contractors may download the tender documents KW-4 from Karnataka State Procurement portal **(viz., htpp://kppp.karnataka.gov.in). Filled in tenders shall be uploaded on or before 16.00 hours on 28.02.2025** through Karnataka State Procurement portal. **Tender received will be opened after 16.30 hours on 01.03.2025 in KPP Portal.** Further details regarding the works and also for details about this tender notification please contact KPP portal and also you may contact this office during working hours.

Note: Any changes in this Notification will be published in KPP-portal only.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, PWD Division, Kolar.

DIPR/KOLAR/R.O.No.476/KSMC&A/2024-25

Repco Home Finance Limited

CORPORATE OFFICE: Alexander Square, No. 2 (Old No. 34 & 35), 3rd Floor, Sardar Patel Road, Guindy, Chennai - 600 032 Ph: (044)-4210 6650

E - AUCTION SALE NOTICE

Sale of Immovable Properties Mortgaged to Repco Home Finance Ltd. Under Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets And Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002

Whereas the following Borrowers and Co-Borrowers have borrowed monies from **Repco Home Finance Limited,** Following Branches and the details of the liability is furnished hereunder. Whereas the Company has issued Notice under SARFAESI ACT and the Authorised Officer has taken Possession of the mortgaged properties and issued a Notice on the dates mentioned below and the Company now has decided to sell the properties under Section 8 and 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, in **"As is where is condition" and "As is what is condition"**

DATE AND TIME OF E - AUCTION: 18.03.2025, 11.00 a.m – 12.00 Noon **(with unlimited auto extension of 5 minutes)**

Last Date & Time for submitting E-Tenders : 17.03.2025, 4.00 p.m.

ARB-BANGALORE BRANCH (TRANSFERRED FROM BANASHANKARI BRANCH) Ph: (080) 41233109 & Mob: 78258-13969

S.No.1: Borrower: Mr.Venkatanarayan Babu.P.N S/o.Mr.Nagarajaiah Shetty, **Co-Borrower: Mrs.Sreelakshmi,** W/o.Mr.Venkatanarayan Babu, **Guarantor: Mr.P.N.Sathish,** S/o.Mr.Nagarajaiah Shetty; Demand Notice Date: **17.06.2023;** Amount claimed as per Demand Notice (Account Nos.**2581870000024 (Old No.1851870000020) & 2581860000038 (Old No.1851860000235)** ₹ **23,19,064/-** & ₹ **12,99,868/- respectively on 16.06.2023** together with further interest, costs and expenses; Possession Taken Date: **19.01.2024;** Present Outstanding Amount: ₹ **30,06,750/-** & ₹ **14,46,715/- respectively as on 11.02.2025.**

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: All the piece and parcel of property bearing Katha No.25/14, Property No.25, situated at **Krishnapuram, KR Puram, Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk (East Bangalore South Taluk),** earlier KR Puram CMC Limits, now within the limits of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike(BBMP), Bangalore is situated within the following Boundaries: North : Property of Sri B.Bhaskar, South : Private Property, East : Road, West : Property of Sri B.Bhaskar. Measurements: East to West on Both Sides : 30.25 feet, North to South on Both Sides: 31.75 feet. **Total extent on 960.4 Sq.Ft. area of land with building has got all usual pathway rights, easement rights relating thereto.**

RESERVE PRICE ₹ **96,27,000/-** **EMD** (10% of Reserve Price) ₹ **9,62,700/-** **Minimum Bid Increment Amount** ₹ **50,000/-**

BANGALORE BRANCH - Mob: 98868-78838

S.No.2: Borrower: Mr.R.Javeed Khan, S/o Rashid Khan, **Co-Borrower: Mrs.Reshma Begum,** W/o.Mr.R.Javeed Khan, **Guarantor: Mrs.Marlene Dsouza,** W/o. Antinio Moxases; Demand Notice Date: **22.08.2022 ;** Amount claimed as per Demand Notice (Account No.**1121890004123**) ₹ **27,32,319/- as on 16.08.2024** together with further interest, costs and expenses; Possession Taken Date: **30.12.2024;** Present Outstanding Amount: ₹ **29,46,315/- as on 11.02.2025.**

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: All that piece and Parcel of the Property bearing Site No.589, Assessment No.44/1, Situated at **Andrahalli Village, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk,** Presently comes under the Jurisdiction of BBMP Ward No.40, Site measuring East to West: 30 feet and North to South 40 Feet, in all measuring 1200 Sq.ft., and Bounded on: East by : Site No.588, West By : Site No.590, North By : Site No.546, South By : Road.

RESERVE PRICE ₹**67,50,000/-** **EMD** (10% of Reserve Price) ₹ **6,75,000/-** **Minimum Bid Increment Amount** ₹ **50,000/-**

For E – Auction procedure, please contact M/s. 4Closure, Mr.Dinesh – 81420 00735 & 81420 00061.

For inspection of the property the intending bidders may contact the Branch Head, Repco Home Finance Limited, respective branches on all working days between 10 a.m & 5 p.m.

Date: 12.02.2025 Authorised Officer, Repco Home Finance Limited

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
HYDERABAD METROPOLITAN WATER SUPPLY & SEWERAGE BOARD

O/o Chief General Manager (Engg), Transmission Circle, Khairatabad, Hyderabad-500004, TG.

e-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTIFICATION

'e'-Tender No. & Date	Name of Work	Ranging (approx.)	Bid document download start date
EP No. 95 / CGM(E) / TC / T3 / TD.No.III / 2024-25 Dtd:15.02.2025.	M,S,D,L,L,J,T and Comm of 600mm dia MS line for providing scour arrangement from Phase-I, II & III 2375mm dia pumping outlets to Phase-I, II & III reservoirs at N'Pally campus during shut down to avoid wastage of treated water and power consumption under SD-IV, TD-III, Sahebnagar.	Rs.344.75 Lakhs	17.02.2025 @ 02.00 PM

The Tenderers are requested to upload the information on the Zip format preferably. Further details can be seen on **www.eprocurement.gov.in.**

Sd/- Chief General Manager (Engg), Transmission Circle, Khairatabad, Hyderabad-04.

KARNATAKA STATE HANDICRAFTS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LIMITED

(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)

No.39, United Mansion, 2nd Floor, M.G. Road, Bangalore - 560 001.
Phone : 080–25582656 /71204445/71204446,
E-mail : gmmkshdcl@gmail.com Website : **www.cauverycrafts.com**

No.KSHDCL/2024-25/IND0007 Date: 15.02.2025

BRIEF SHORT-TERM E-TENDER NOTIFICATION

(THROUGH E-PROCUREMENT PORTAL ONLY)

Karnataka State Handicrafts Development Corporation Ltd., (KSHDCL) invites short-term e-tender from eligible tenderers for Manufacture and supply of a set of 22ct 916 BIS Hall Mark one Gold Tali and Two Gold Gundus (Mangalsutra) on Sale on Approval (SOA) basis. The tender notification details may be obtained through e-procurement mode by logging on to website **www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in** The date of commencement of access to tender documents is **15.02.2025** and last date and time for submission of bids is **24.02.2025 at 3.00 p.m.** KSHDCL reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.

Sd/- General Manager (Marketing)

TOWN PANCHAYAT KANKANWADI

Taluk: Raybag Dist: Belagavi

S.No: TPK/ISWM2/SFC/2024-25/ Date: 13/02/2025

TENDER NOTIFICATION (KPPP- Portal)

The chief officer Town Panchayat Kankanwadi here by inviting item rate tender for execution of various works under SBM 2.0 DPR Grant Year 2023-24 & SFC 2023-24 and 2024-25. From eligible contractors registered in PWD/ZP And other Govt department. As per the coditions of standard tender document KW-1,KW-2 and KW-3. Details are as follows Work Indent No: 22253/CALL-2, 35452, 27695/CALL-3 for General catagory, Work Indent No: 27120/CALL-2 are reserved for SC contractors. Estimate cost: 54.28 to 2.00 lakhs time limit: 3 months excluding Mansoon. **Last date for submition of filled tenders: 21/02/2025. Date of opening of Technical Bids: 24/02/2025. Date of opening of Financial Bids : 27/02/2025.** For further information Login to **www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in** and Logon to **www.kankanwaditown.mrc.gov.in** Or contact the TP Office.

Note: Any changes or correction in tenders will be notified in online website only.

Sd/- Chief Officer TP Kankanwadi DIPO/BGM/RONO.1692/24-25 Sd/- Administrator TP Kankanwadi

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that my client is negotiating with **Sri. M.G.Srinivas** S/o. M.G.Giri Gowda, Aged about 55 years, R/at No.1257, 32nd G Cross, 28th Main, 4th T Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore – 560 041, Aadhar No.5999 7980 4674, to purchase a residential plot bearing BDA Site No.345/21 (Old No.345) having BBMP PID No.58-70-21, New PID No.170-W0050-40, Ward No.170, situated at 38th Cross Road, 9th Block, Jayanagara, Bangalore, measuring East to West 30 feet and North to South 40 feet, in all measuring 1200 Sq.Ft, consisting of ground and first floor building approximately measuring 1600 Sq.Ft., which is more fully described in the schedule hereunder and hereinafter referred to as schedule property.

Sri. M.G.Srinivas, has informed my client that, originally the aforesaid site No.345 (new No.345/21) had been allotted and conveyed by BDA in favour of Sri.H.K.Nagaraja Rao vide Sale Deed dated 02.07.1981, registered as doc.No.1646/1981-82, in the office of Sub-Registrar, Jayanagar, Bangalore. Sri.H.K.Nagaraja Rao obtained building plan, constructed residential building and later sold the same i.e., the Schedule Property herein to Sri.G.Venkatesh, vide Sale Deed dated 25.11.2004, registered as doc. No.JAY-1-04863-2004-05.

Sri. M.G.Srinivas, has further informed my client that, Sri.G.Venkatesh sold the Schedule Property to Smt.Rachana Rego, vide Sale Deed dated 01.12.2005, registered as document No.JAY-1-03773-2005-06. Smt.Rachana Rego sold the Schedule Property jointly in favour of Sri.M.G.Srinivas and Sri.D.S.Kumar, vide Deed of Sale dated 30.10.2014 registered as doc.No.JAY-1-05971-2014-15.

Sri.D.S.Kumar, in terms of Release Deed dated 02.02.2023, registered as doc. No.BTM-1-08497-2022-23, absolutely conveyed/released his undivided half share, right, title, interest, ownership whatsoever in the Schedule Property in favour of Sri.M.G.Srinivas.

Accordingly from the date of acquiring the schedule property, Sri.M.G.Srinivas, being sole and absolute owner, is in peaceful physical possession and enjoyment of the schedule property with clear and open notice to all the general public, without any let or hindrance from any individual person/s, statutory authorities, companies, etc.

If any other legal heirs of aforesaid pre-decessors in title or any other person/s, or statutory authorities, companies, etc claiming any right, title, charge, ownership, what so ever, in respect of the Schedule Properties herein or have any objections for the intended sale transaction or against ownership of Sri.M.G.Srinivas, in respect of schedule property, may lodge such claim or objections with all supporting documents with the undersigned within Seven Days from the date of this Publication, failing which my clients will proceed with the intended sale and purchase the schedule properties by getting the registered Sale Deed or any such deeds executed in their favour from Sri.M.G.Srinivas, as if there are no objections or claims etc from any individual person/s, statutory authorities, companies, etc against the schedule properties and any claim or objections made thereafter shall not be binding on my clients.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of Residential Property bearing Site No.345/21, (Old No.345) PID No.58-70-21, New PID No.170-W0050-40, Ward No.170, situated at 38th Cross Road, 9th Block, Jayanagara, Bangalore, measuring East to West 30 feet and North to South 40 feet, in all measuring 1200 Sq.Ft comes within the revenue jurisdiction of BBMP consisting of ground and first floor building approximately measuring 1600 Sq.Ft., and bounded on:

East by : Site No.344; West by : Site No.346;
North by : Site No.314; South by : Road.

BHASKAR BABU H J, KANAKA & ASSOCIATES
ADVOCATES & SOLICITORS
#215, 1st floor, 1st Main Road, Sampangiramanagara, Bangalore-27
Cell No: 9741777644/ 9740244365/ 9980781320. Date: 15.02.2025

ICICI Bank

Branch Office: ICICI Bank Limited, 1st Floor, West Wing, DSMG, Mythri Centre, Hosur Main Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore-560068

PUBLIC NOTICE-TENDER CUM E-AUCTION FOR SALE OF SECURED ASSET

[See proviso to rule 8(6)]
Notice for sale of immovable assets

E-Auction Sale Notice for the sale of immovable asset(s) under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

This notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/ charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of ICICI Bank Limited will be sold on 'As is where is', 'As is what is' and 'Whatever there is' as per the brief particulars given hereunder;

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower(s)/ Co-Borrowers/ Guarantors/ Loan Account No.	Details of the Secured asset(s) with known encumbrances, if any	Amount Outstanding	Reserve Price / Earnest Money Deposit	Date and Time of Property Inspection	Date & Time of E-Auction
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)
1.	Mr. Chithavadutta Rajanikanth (Borrower) Chithavadutta Supriya (Co-Borrowers) Loan Account Number LBGTR00005944484/ LBBNG00006012485	All that piece and parcel of Property bearing Flat No. A-204 (Second Floor) in Block -A, of the building known as 'RF TWLIGHT' situated at kote, Kengeri, Bengaluru, constructed on the schedule A property, having a super built – up Area of 1127.62 square feet, having RCC Roofing, Vitrified Tiles Floors, Sal Wood Doors & Aluminium windows, and separate electricity, Common Water and sanitation, including common area rights and one car parking slot in stilt floor, and including all rights, privileges, appurtenances there to and bounded on: East by : Set Back, West by : Flat No. A-202, North by : Setback, South by : Common Area	Rs. 84,56,692/- (as on February 03, 2025)	Rs. 25,00, 000/- / Rs. 2,50, 000/-	March 03, 2025 from 11:00 AM to 02:00 PM	March 11, 2025 from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM

The online auction will be conducted on the website (https://disposalhub.com) of our auction agency M/s NexXen Solutions Private Limited. The Mortgagors/ Noticees are given a last chance to pay the total dues with further interest by March10, 2025 Before 04:00 PM else the secured asset(s) will be sold as per schedule.

The prospective bidder(s) must submit the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Demand Draft (DD) (Refer Column E) at ICICI Bank Limited, 1st Floor, West Wing, DSMG, Mythri Centre, Hosur Main Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore-560068 on or before March10, 2025 before 05:00 PM Thereafter, they have to submit their offer through the website mentioned above on or before March10, 2025 before 05:00 PM along with the scanned image of the Bank acknowledged DD towards proof of payment of EMD. In case the prospective bidder(s) is/ are unable to submit his/ her/ their offer through the website, then the signed copy of tender documents may be submitted at ICICI Bank Limited, 1st Floor, West Wing, DSMG, Mythri Centre, Hosur Main Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore-560068 on or before March10, 2025 before 05:00 PM. Earnest Money Deposit DD/PO should be from a Nationalised/ Scheduled Bank in favour of 'ICICI Bank Limited' payable at Bangalore.

For any further clarifications in terms of inspection, Terms and Conditions of the E-Auction or submission of tenders, contact ICICI Bank Employee Phone No. 7304918084 / 9844542086/ 8008999536.

Please note that Marketing agencies 1. M/s NexXen Solutions Private Limited, 2. Augeo Assets Management Private Limited, 3. Matex Net Pvt. Ltd., 4. Finvin Estate Deal Technologies Pvt Ltd., 5. Girnarsoft Pvt. Ltd., 6. Hecta Prop Tech Pvt. Ltd., 7. Arca Emart Pvt. Ltd., 8. Novel Asset Service Pvt. Ltd., 9. Nobroker Technologies Solutions Pvt. Ltd. have also been engaged for facilitating the sale of this property.

The Authorised Officer reserves the right to reject any or all the bids without furnishing any further reasons.

For detailed Terms and Conditions of the sale, please visit www.icicibank.com/n4p4s

Date : February 15, 2025
Place: Bengaluru

Authorized Officer
ICICI Bank Limited

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank

(A Government of India Undertaking)

Regional Office West
Chitrapur Mutt Complex, Malleswaram 15th Cross, Bangalore-560055.

POSSESSION NOTICE

[Rule - 8(1)]
(For immovable Property)

Whereas The undersigned being the authorized Officer of the **Canara Bank, Regional Office West Branch,** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13(2) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notice dated **05.12.2024** calling upon the Borrower **(1) Mr.Manjunath Kumta** S/o Ashok Kumta No.30, 1st Main Road, Vyalikaval, Bangalore-560003., to repay the amount mentioned in the notice of **Rs.31,30,999.98** (Rupees Thirty One Lakhs Thirty Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety Nine Rupees and Ninety Eight Paise Only) as on **09.12.2024** and interest thereon within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken symbolic possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules 2002 on this **15th day of February 2025.**

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **Canara Bank, Vyalikaval Branch** for an amount of **Rs.31,30,999.98** (Rupees Thirty One Lakhs Thirty Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety Nine Rupees and Ninety Eight Paise Only) as on **09.12.2024** and interest thereon.

The borrower's attention is invited to the provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Description of Secured Assets:

Name of Title holder: Mr.Manjunath Kumta

Schedule A Property: All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing New Sy No 14/2, (Old No 14), BBMP Khata No 245/14/2 situated at Doddabettahally Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk measuring 1 acre 4 guntas or 47916 Sq feet and bounded on the: East by: Remaining portion of the same survey No 14/2 and private property, West By: Road, North by: Remaining portion of the same survey no 14/2 and South by: Private property.

Schedule B: 325 Sq feet undivided share, right, title, interest and ownership in Schedule A Property.

Schedule C: All that piece and parcel of the 2 Bed Room apartment bearing No 412 in the B Block on the 4th Floor having super built area of 1225 Sq feet along with a covered car parking slot in the apartment building known as Shashank Florento constructed in the Schedule A property along with common areas and facility.

Date : 15.02.2025
Place : Bangalore

Sd/-Authorized Officer
Canara Bank

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PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform that, State Level Environmental Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA), Government of Karnataka has issued Environmental Clearance to M/s. M. S Ramaiah Ventures LLP for implementation of "Proposed Construction of Residential Development Project at Sy. No. 37/17, 37/23, 37/24, 37/26, 37/28, 37/29, 37/30, & 37/31 of Akkalenahalli Mallenahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, and Karnataka" vide Letter No. SEIAA 74 CON 2024 dt: 14.02.2025. This Environmental Clearance Letter issued by the SEIAA can be accessed at the Ministry website https://parivesh.nic.in

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

E-Tender Notification

This office letter No.033/PB/Tnd/2024-25/5054-2059-2216-3054/4461/ Dated:14-02-2025

On 14-02-2025 through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal tender notification has been issued for the following Work Indent No. **17360-2nd call, 19370, 18778, 19020, 18809, 18580, 18583, 18467, 18458, 18391, 18970, 18953, 18514, 18202, 18961, 19284, 18587, 18468, 19368, 19035, 17429-2nd call, 18582, 18465, 18477, 18455, 18393, 18157, 18163, 18959, 7264, 18394, 18172, 18189, 18199 and 18963** Last date for submission of tender receipt is assigned on **Dated: 24-02-2025 (upto 4:00 PM).** For further additional information, any changes & queries visit **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.**

Sd/-
(N.N.Patil)
Executive Engineer,
PWD Division, Haveri

dipr/hvr/Ro.No/560/2024-25

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank
(A Government Of India Undertaking)

Cunningham Road Branch
No.19/7, Maruthi Mansion,
Cunningham Road, Bengaluru-560052

POSSESSION NOTICE

APPENDIX IV under Rule 8 (1) [SECTION 13(4)] (For Immovable property)

The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of **Canara Bank, Cunningham Road Branch, Bengaluru,** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Act 54 of 2002) and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notice dated **04.12.2024** calling upon the Borrower/Guarantor/Mortgagor, **Sri. Rudraswamy. E** S/o Sri. Erappa, No.24/25, 2nd Floor, Kanakadasa Layout, Lingrajapura, Bengaluru-560089, and also at Flat No. B12/306, 3rd Floor, 12th Block, Alur Layout, Bengaluru-560018, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.4,77,214.86 Paisa** (Rupees Four Lakhs Seventy Seven Thousand Two Hundred and Fourteen and Paisa Eighty Six Only) as on **03.12.2024** within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice, together with further interest and incidental expenses and costs.

The Borrower/Guarantor/Mortgagor having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower and the public in general, that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described hereinbelow in exercise of powers conferred on him /her under Section 13 (4) of the said Act, read with Rules 8 & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this **12th day of February 2025.**

The borrower attention is invited to provisions of sub Section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

The Borrower/Guarantor/Mortgagor in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **Canara Bank** for an amount of **Rs.4,77,214.86 Paisa** (Rupees Four Lakhs Seventy Seven Thousand Two Hundred and Fourteen and Paisa Eighty Six Only) as on **03.12.2024** together with further interest and incidental expenses and costs.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY

SCHEDULE "A" PROPERTY: All that piece and parcel of property bearing No.128, in Block No.9,10,11 and 12, Sy No.113, situated at Alur Village formed by Bangalore Development Authority, measuring East to West 44 Meters and North to South 60 Meters, totally measuring 2,640 Square Meters and Property is bounded on the: East by : Road, West by: Road, North by: Road, South by: BDA Vacant Land.

SCHEDULE "B" PROPERTY : 33.526 Square Meters of undivided share, right, title and interest in the Schedule "A" Property.

SCHEDULE "C" PROPERTY : All that piece and parcel of the 1 BHK Residential Apartment bearing Flat No.B12-306,on the 3rd Floor, in the 12th Block, having Super Built Up Area measuring 33.526 Square Meters, constructed on the Schedule 'A' Property, and bounded : On the East by: ALR-H. No. B12/307, On the West by: Open Space, On the North by: Open Space, On the South by: ALR-H. No. B12/305.

Date : 12.02.2025 **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Place : Bengaluru **Canara Bank**

KARNATAKA INDUSTRIAL AREAS DEVELOPMENT BOARD

(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
49, East Wing, 4th & 5th Floor, Khanija Bhavan Race Course Road
Bengaluru – 560 001. Phone No. 080-22265383 website : www.kiadb.in

No. IADB/ENGG/ETND-EP-48/899/2024-25 **Date: 15.02.2025**

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

(Through GOK Karnataka Public Procurement Portal Only)

Item rate Tenders under two cover bid system is invited for the work mentioned below as per the Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act 1999 and Rules 2000 through electronic procurement from eligible Contractors who have got adequate financial resources, suitable construction equipments, technical man power & sufficient past experience for the following works :-

Name of the Works : (1) Providing water supply distribution Network at Vasanthanarasapura Phase-1,2 & 3 Industrial Area, Tumakuru. **(2)** Supply, laying, jointing, testing and commissioning of 610mm dia MS Gravity Main for 1800m Length alternate to the existing 600mm Dia PSC Pipe at Kodithimmanahalli Junction for Koratagere Town & Madhugiri at Tumakuru district.

The last date and time of receipt of tender is : **19.03.2025** upto **4.30 pm.**

Applicants May Download Bidding Documents from the Karnataka Public Procurement Portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.**

Sd/-
Chief Engineer-1, KIADB Bengaluru

DIPR/CP/5075/Zen/2024-25

SWARNABHARATHI SAHAKARA BANK N.,

No.2229, 23rd Cross, Banashankari 2nd Stage, Bangalore-560070. Ph. 080-26762629/30, 41122816

TENDER – CUM – AUCTION SALE NOTICE

AUCTION SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY UNDER SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002.

Whereas, **Mr. R Mahesh,** No.23, 1st Main, 16th Cross, Gopalappa Layout, Lakkasandra, Bangalore-560030, having failed to repay the debt in respect of borrowing from **Swarna Bharathi Sahakara Bank Niyamitha, Banashankari 2nd Stage,** Bengaluru. The total amount due and payable by them jointly and severally as per the agreed terms and conditions is **Rs. 1,61,90,000/-** (Rupees One Crore Sixty One Lakh Ninety Thousand Only). due and payable by you as on **15.02.2025,** along with interest at the applicable rate and costs thereon.

Whereas the Bank has issued notice under Section 13 (2) of the SARFAESI Act, 2002 and in pursuant to and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13 (4) of the Act, the Authorised Officer has taken possession of the mortgaged property including those more fully described hereunder, and the Bank has decided to sell the below mentioned property under the provisions of the SARFAESI Act read with the relevant rules of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Description of the Property: SCHEDULE "A": All that piece and parcel of property bearing No.BBMP No. 3, situated at Bannerghatta Road, Lakkasandra, Adugodi, Bangalore, presently coming under the Jurisdiction of BBMP Ward No. 63, of Lakkasandra and bounded on: East: Property No.18, belonging to Shamanna, West: Bannerghatta Road, North: Property No.2, South: Property No.4 belonging to Palani Achar. Measuring East to West 60 feet, North to South 40 feet, in all measuring 2400 sq. ft.

Schedule 'B': 50% of undivided right, title and interest in the land area i. e. The Schedule 'A' property equivalent to 1200 sq. feet out of the total 2400 sq. ft.

Schedule 'C': All that piece and parcel of New BBMP Municipal No.3/1, Old Property No.3, situated at Bannerghatta Road, Lakkasandra, Adugodi, Bangalore presently coming under the Jurisdiction of BBMP Ward No.63, of Lakkasandra, with PID No.63-30-3/1, consisting of building i.e Second Floor and Third Floor with a super built up area of each 1230 Sq.feet and 4th floor 300 sq. feet super built up area in the Multistoried building known as "Mehul Towers" constructed over the Schedule 'A' Property with Mosaic flooring, with car parking with 50% undivided share in the Schedule 'A' property, along with common area such as staircases, common passage, common lobby, water tanks, including sump and terrace.

Date & Time of Opening Tender and Place of Auction	Reserve Price	EMD Amount
03.03.2025 at 11.30 A.M Swarna Bharathi Sahakara Bank Niyamitha No.2229, 23rd Cross, Banashankari 2nd Stage, Bangalore-560070.	Rs.2,52,12,000/- (Rupees Two Crore Fifty Two Lakhs Twelve Thousand Only)	EMD: 10% of the Reserve Price Rs.25,21,200/- (Rupees Twenty Five Lakhs Twenty One Thousand Two hundred Only)

Terms and Conditions of Auction Sale: - (1) The Tender form can be collected from **Swarna Bharathi Sahakara Bank Niyamitha No. 2229, 23rd Cross, Banashankari 2nd Stage, Bangalore-560070. (Ph. 080-26762629, 26762630)** on all working days during office hours. **(2)** The intending bidders should submit their bids in the prescribed tender form in closed cover along with EMD of 10% of the Reserve Price by means of Demand Draft/ Banker's Cheque/ Pay Order drawn in favour of **Swarna Bharathi Sahakara Bank Niyamitha, Bangalore- payable at Bangalore.** The Demand Draft / Banker's Cheque / Pay Order shall be drawn after the date of publication of this Tender – cum – Auction Sale Notice. **(3)** Tenders not in the prescribed format will not be accepted. The tender along with the EMD shall be submitted at **Swarna Bharathi Sahakara Bank Niyamitha Bangalore latest by 01.03.2025 before 5.00 P M.** Tender without EMD shall be summarily rejected. **(4)** The property "SHALL NOT" be sold below the reserve price. **(5)** In case the bidder is not successful the EMD amount shall be refunded without interest. **(6)** The EMD amount shall be liable for forfeiture without prior notice, if the successful bidder fails to adhere to the terms and conditions of the Auction Sale. **(7)** The sealed tenders will be opened by the Authorised Officer in the presence of the available / attending bidders at **11.30 A.M on 03.03.2025.** **(8)** After opening the tenders, the intending bidders may be given opportunity at the discretion of the Authorised Officer to have, intense bidding amongst themselves to enhance the offer Price. **(9)** The successful bidder shall deposit 25% of the Sale Price (inclusive of EMD) immediately after the auction sale, on the same day, in Cash or Demand Draft and the balance of the Sale Price within 15 days from the date of confirmation of sale. In case of default by the successful bidder, all the amounts deposited till then shall be forfeited without notice and the property shall be put for re-auction. **(10)** The successful bidder shall bear the statutory dues / taxes / charges / property tax / E B charges / water charges / conveyance charges such as stamp duty, registration fee etc. that is required to be paid in order to get the property conveyed in his favour, as per the applicable laws. **(11)** The Authorised Officer has absolute right to accept or reject any or all of the tender or/ bid / offer and / or adjourn / postpone / cancel the Auction Sale without assigning any reason, and also to modify an or all terms and conditions of the sale without prior notice. **(12)** The sale is subject to confirmation by the Bank. **(13)** The property can be inspected by the intending bidder between **10.00 AM and -5.00PM** at his expenses at the address mentioned in the Schedule. **(14)** The property is put for sale on **" AS IS WHERE IS CONDITION" and " AS IS WHAT IS CONDITION".** The intending bidder shall satisfy himself about the title, ownership, statutory approvals, encumbrances etc. of the property. **(15)** In case of stay of further proceedings by DRT/DRAT/High Court or any other court, the auction may either be deferred or cancelled and persons participating in the sale shall have no right to claim damages, compensation or cost for such postponement or cancellation. **(16)** This is also notice to the (Borrowers /Guarantors / Mortgagors) aforesaid loan about holding of auction sale on above mentioned date if their dues are not repaid in full, other terms and conditions applicable as per the Act.

For further details the intending bidders may contact the Authorised Officer, **Swarna Bharathi Sahakara Bank Niyamitha No. 2229, 23rd Cross, Banashankari 2nd Stage, Bangalore-560070 for ascertaining the details of property and also for inspection of property (Contact No. (Ph. 080-26762629,26762630) E-Mail: swarnabharathisahakarabank688@yahoo.co.in**

Date : 15.02.2025 **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Place: Bangalore **Swarna Bharathi Sahakara Bank Niyamitha**

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES
OFFICE OF THE ADDITIONAL CHIEF ENGINEER

BALANGIR IRRIGATION CIRCLE, BALANGIR,
E-mail : sebalangir@gmail.com

"e-procurement Notice"
BID Identification No: ACE, BOIC- 01/2024-25

A-1077 **Procurement Details**

Pkg. No.	Name of Work	Approx. Tender Cost in lakh	Class of Contractor	Bid Security/ EMD-(online)-	Cost of tender document -(online)- (in INR)	Period of Completion
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	Construction of FPE on Sonegarh left from Deogaon N.H bridge to Railway RD 00 m to 2500 m.	Rs 302.34 Lakh (excluding G.S.T)	"A' Class only	Rs. 3,02,350/-	Rs. 10,000/-	12 (Twelve) Calendar Months
2	Construction of FPE on Sonegarh left from Gaibahal to Deogaon RD 00 m to 3500 m.	Rs 442.31 Lakh (excluding G.S.T)	"A' Class only	Rs. 4,42,310/-	Rs. 10,000/-	12 (Twelve) Calendar Months

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of tender on-line for bidding		Date of Seeking tender clarification	Date & Time of opening of tender		Place of opening
		From	To		Technical Bid	Financial Bid	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Addl. Chief Engineer, Balangir Irrigation Circle, Balangir	ACE, BOIC -01/2024-25	Dt. 18.02.2025 at 10.00 hours	Dt. 06.03.2025 up to 17.30 hours	Dt. 18.02.2025 to Dt. 28.02.2025 At Office during office hours. (In working days)	Dt. 07.03.2025 at 11.00 Hours	To be intimated after evaluation of Technical Bid	Office of Addl. Chief Engineer, Balangir Irrigation Circle, Balangir

Further details can be seen from the e-procurement portal **"https://www.tendersodisha.gov.in"**

OIPR- 32347/11/0001/2425 **Sd/- Additional Chief Engineer, Balangir Irrigation Circle, Balangir**

TAMIL NADU WATER SUPPLY AND DRAINAGE BOARD

INVITATION OF BIDS – TWO COVER – ITEM RATE TENDER (e-Submission)

NIT No.	09 &10/ F. O&M-**Hog Pkg. I to V** / DO-1 / CE / VLR / 2024 / Dt.10.02.2025. **(Second call)**
Source of Funding	Gap Funding
Eligibility	Registered Class I Contractors (Civil)
Tender Invitee	The Chief Engineer, TWAD Board, No.8, 1st East Main Road, Gandhi Nagar, Vellore -632 006.
Downloading Period	**20.02.2025 to 21.03.2025 upto 15.00 Hours**
EMD Payable	Online Mode through e-Tendering Website **https://tntenders.gov.in**
Pre Bid meeting	**05.03.2025 at 11.00** Hours at the office of the Tender Invitee
Bid Submission	**24.03.2025 upto 15.00** Hours duly Digitally signed encrypted Tenders through e-Tendering Website **https://tntenders.gov.in**
Bid opening	**25.03.2025 at 15.30** Hours through e-Tender Portal

NIT No.	Name of work	Approximate value (Excluding. GST) (Rs. in crore)	Bid Security (Rs. in lakh)
09	Outsourcing of Operation and Maintenance of **Package – I to III** under Hogenakkal Water Supply and Fluorosis Mitigation Project in Dharmapuri & Krishnagiri Districts for a period of 12 months (From 01.04.2025 to 31.03.2026)	17.50	13.15
10	Outsourcing of Operation and Maintenance of **Package – IV to V** under Hogenakkal Water Supply and Fluorosis Mitigation Project in Dharmapuri & Krishnagiri Districts for a period of 12 months (From 01.04.2025 to 31.03.2026)	11.90	9.00

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Chief Engineer (i/c),
TWAD Board, Vellore.

WESTERN RAILWAY

STORES DEPARTMENT

e- AUCTION SALE DURING MARCH 2025 FOR P-WAY & OTHER VARIOUS SCRAP

SPECIAL ATTENTION: ALL STEEL PURCHASERS & RE-ROLLERS

Public e-auction for disposal of P. way scrap, rail scrap & other various scrap material will be held in **MARCH 2025** as per program given below:

First Round	Second Round	Third Round	Depot/Division	Officer in Charge	Contact No.
03/03/2025	10/03/2025	20/03/2025	PRATAPNAGAR	Deputy Chief Materials Manager - Pratapnagar	0265-2658858 09724045550
03/03/2025	13/03/2025	25/03/2025	RATLAM	Sr. Divisional Materials Manager - Ratlam	07412230080 09752492750
04/03/2025	11/03/2025	21/03/2025	VADODARA	Sr. Divisional Materials Manager - Vadodara	02652641592 09724091750
04/03/2025	11/03/2025	21/03/2025	SABARMATI	Deputy Chief Materials Manager - Sabarmati	07927500080 09724093774
05/03/2025	12/03/2025	24/03/2025	MUMBAI CENTRAL	Sr. Divisional Materials Manager - Mumbai Central	022-23094142 09004499006
05/03/2025	12/03/2025	24/03/2025	AHMEDABAD	Sr. Divisional Materials Manager - Ahmedabad	07922205888 09724093750
06/03/2025	18/03/2025	26/03/2025	BHAVNAGAR	Sr. Divisional Materials Manager - Bhavnagar	02782444360 09724097750
06/03/2025	17/03/2025	26/03/2025	DAHOD	Deputy Chief Materials Manager - Dahod	02673241295 09724090455
07/03/2025	17/03/2025	27/03/2025	RAJKOT	Sr. Divisional Materials Manager - Rajkot	02812476943 09724093750
07/03/2025	18/03/2025	27/03/2025	MAHALAXMI	Deputy Chief Materials Manager - Mahalaxmi	022-24929571 09004495750
07/03/2025	18/03/2025	27/03/2025	PARDI	Deputy Chief Materials Manager - Mahalaxmi	022-24929571 09004495750

Mega Auction for All Depots and Divisions on 28/03/2025 For detailed information please contact the concerned Depot/Divisional Officers. **Note:- 1.** Railway reserves the right to withdraw any lot from e-Auction. **2.** e-Auction will start at as per scheduled time. **3.** e-Auction catalogues will be available on site **www.ireps.gov.in** e-Auction portal **4.** In case of any assistance required regarding e-Auction, digital signatures. Registration procedure and participation, please contact above mentioned Depot/Divisional Officer. **5.** All payment transactions shall be done through the online payment gateway. **(No.S/SIII/Auction Programme-1/March 2025, Dated 07.02.2025)** 1071

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ESM URC GOLDEN PALM CANTEEN MADIKERI AND EXTENSIOM CANTEEN, VIRAJPET

JOB VACANCY

1. Applications are invited for the fallowing posts for GPC Madikeri: -

Ser No	Name of Post	Name of Canteen	
		ESM URC GPC, Madikeri	Extension Canteen, Virajpet
(a)	Asst Manager-cum-Senior Storekeeper	01	01
(b)	Storekeeper	02	01
(c)	Clerical staff	01	-
(d)	Billing Clerk-Cum-Salesperson	05	04
(e)	Watchman	02	01
	Total	**11**	**07**

2. Employment will be for 11 (eleven) months on contract basis. interested candidates may visit GPC website gpcscblr.co.in for details of eligibility criteria, format for submitting applications/Bio Data and other details. Eligible Wards/ Dependents of ESM will attach necessary birth certificate supported by Board of Secondary School Examination Certificate along with copies of Pension Pay Order (PPO) and Extract of Discharge Book containing family details.
3. Applications to be forwarded to Canteen Officer, Golden Palm Canteen Cell, C/o HQ K & K Sub Area, Cubbon Road, Bangalore with full Bio Data, Resume & Mobile Number through registered post or Mail ID gpccellkksa@gmail.com by 10th March 2025. Applications received after 10 March 2025 will not be considered.
4. All candidates desirous of applying for the posts shall attach a certificate signed by them that I was not placed under any discipline Vigilance (DV) Ban/No case of corruption was reported against me during my service. For Civilians. No FIR/Criminal case should be pending.

Note: JCOs, NCOs and OR with Exemplary character and Medical Category SHAPE-1 can only apply.

Sd/-

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank

Regional Office South, 1st Floor, No. 19, South End Road, Bengluru - 560 004

AUCTION OF GOLD ORNAMENTS

The under mentioned persons are hereby informed that they have failed to pay off the liability in the loan accounts. Notices sent to them by Registered Post have been returned undelivered and not acknowledged by them so got return to branch. They are therefore requested to pay off the liability and other charges and redeem the pledged gold ornaments securities on or before **04.03.2025** failing which the said securities will be sold by the Bank in public auction at the cost of the borrower at the belwo mentioned respective Branch premises at **3.00 P. M.** on **05.03.2025** or on any other convenient date without further notice, at the absolute discretion of the Bank. This notice is also a notice to the borrowers and applies to Legal Heirs of the deceased borrowers, if any. The Branch incumbent reserves the right to cancel/postpone the Auction or any parts of the Auction without any notice & assigning any reason.

Sr No	Branch Name	Gold Loan No.	Name and Address of the Borrower	Gross Weight in Grams	Branch Contact
1	**Banashankari III Stage**	108251409349	**Deepa R.,** D/o. Ramkumar V, No. 330, 3rd Main, 7th Cross, Srinivasa Nagar, Bangalore , Karnataka - 560 050.	13.80	9177228020
2	**Bilekkahalli**	164031683496	**Babu M. R.** , S/o. Rajanna, 15/3, 2nd Main, Anjaneya Swamy Temple Road, Devarachikkanahalli IIM B Post B. G. Road, Bangalore , Karnataka - 560 076.	7.100	7039891841
3	**D. V. G. Road**	125006048703	**Sathyanarayana H. N** S/o. H. M. Nagaraja, Hulugarbailu Markal Village, Sringeri, Karnataka - 577 139	37.30	8521562363
4	**Gavipuram Extn**	180039181889	**Manoj J** S/o. Jagadish B, Old 82 New 14 1 2nd Main 8th Crs Opp Gayathri Temple Chamarajpet, Bengaluru, Karnataka - 560 018.	3.20	7541078535
5	**Gavipuram Extn**	164004141879	**Uma** No. 199, Sanyasikunte K G. Nagar, . Bangalore, Bangalore Karnataka - 560 019	96.80	7541078535
6	**J. P. Nagar II Phase**	180101381814	**Sharada R.,** 84, 16th Cross 4th Phase JP Nagar 4th Phase, Bengaluru, Karnataka - 560 078	52.00	9661805035
7	**Jayanagar**	164000626720	**Murugan M.,** S/o. Vallichamma, 273, 37th A Cross, 11th Main, Jayanagar 4th T Block, Bengaluru, Karnataka - 560 041	8.00	7892606293
8	**Nobonagar**	125006069328	**Nimmagadda Lakshmisridevi ,** C3, 105, First Floor, South City Apartments, Bannerghatta Road, Bangalore, Bangalore, Karnataka - 560 076	72.80	9902751363
9	**Nobonagar**	164004538187	**Nimmagadda Lakshmisridevi ,** C3, 105, First Floor, South City Apartments, Bannerghatta Road, Bangalore, Bangalore, Karnataka - 560 076	86.30	9902751363
10	**Sarakki Layout**	180236385830	**Somashekhar M. R.,** Prop. Kamadhenu Printers, No. 51, Main Road, Thyagarajanagar, Bengaluru, Karnataka - 560 028.	6.93	8754580521
11	**Sarakki Layout**	180050553993	**Ayesha Fathima,** W/o. Ataullakhan, No. 34, AB New No. 25, Noble House 16th Cross, Ilyasnagar, Bengaluru, Karnataka - 560 078.	66.70	8754580521
12	**Yelachenahalli**	180041025283	**Rajesh K. V.,** No. 48, Brindavana, Ground Floor, Harsha Layout , Yelachenahalli, Bangalore Karnataka - 560 052.	22.109	7799441224
13	**Yelachenahalli**	180107246671	**Sageer Ahammed K. N.** No. 58, 4th Cross, Ilyasnagar, Bengaluru South, J. P. Nagar Post, Bengaluru, Karnataka - 560 070	12.10	7799441224
14	**Yelachenahalli**	180107249934	**Sageer Ahammed K. N.** No. 58, 4th Cross, Ilyas nagar, Bengaluru South, J. P. Nagar Post, Bengaluru, Karnataka - 560 070	43.409	7799441224
15	**Yelachenahalli**	180207245095	**Harisha M. K.** No. 48, 25th , 7th Main 8th Cross, Venkatapura Jakkasandra PO, Koramangala, Bangalore, Karnataka - 560 034	52.70	7799441224
16	**Yelachenahalli**	180207250434	**Harisha M. K.** No. 48, 25th , 7th Main 8th Cross, Venkatapura Jakkasandra PO, Koramangala, Bangalore, Karnataka - 560 034	24.000	7799441224
17	**Yelachenahalli**	180291530680	**Made Gowda T. B.** S/o. Late B. S. Gowda, No. 113/C, Muni Sanjeevappa, L/o Jaraganahalli, Bangalore, Bengaluru, Karnataka - 560 082.	46.10	7799441224
18	**Yadiyur**	180288117220	**M.S. Sudha,** 199, VII Block West, Jayanagar . Bangalore, Bengaluru, Karnataka - 560 082.	74.81	9042841851
19	**Basavangudi**	180046446020	**G. Harish,** S/o Venkatesh Naidu, No. 31, New No. 06, Vidyapeeta Circle, BSK 1st Stage, Bengaluru Karnataka - 560 050.	36.00	9985026030
20	**Kumbalgodu**	164004723775	**Vinodkumar G. S.** Kumbalagodu Village, Kumbalagodu Post, Kengeri Hobli, Bengaluru, Karnataka - 560 074.	31.78	9198677997
21	**Kumbalgodu**	180183625846	**Vinodkumar G. S.** Kumbalagodu Village, Kumbalagodu Post, Kengeri Hobli, Bengaluru, Karnataka - 560 074.	16.13	9198677997
22	**Kumbalgodu**	4799836000052	**Aswaraj M. R.** C/o. Premier Stratch Product Pvt Ltd B 45, KSSIDC Indl Estate, Kumbalagodu Bengaluru, Karnataka - 560 074.	12.98	9198677997
23	**Kumbalgodu**	180106621187	**Savitha** W/o. Harish Kumar K. N., 119, Vinayaka Nagar, Ramohalli, Kengeri Hobli, Bengaluru, Karnataka - 560 060.	29.60	9198677997
24	**Kumbalgodu**	180200445880	**Savitha** W/o. Harish Kumar K. N., 119, Vinayaka Nagar, Ramohalli, Kengeri Hobli, Bengaluru, Karnataka - 560 060.	13.84	9198677997

Date : 15.02.2025 Sd/- Manager

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SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES "APPENDIX-IV-A [See Provision to Rule 6 (2) & 8 (6)]

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 6 (2) & 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s), Mortgagor (s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of **Bank of Baroda**, Secured Creditor, will be sold on **06.03.2025 "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is"** for recovery of below mentioned account/s. The details of Borrower/s/ Mortgagor/ Guarantor/s/Secured Asset/s/Dues/Reserve Price/e-Auction date & Time, EMD and Bid Increase Amount are mentioned below –

Name & address of Borrower/s Guarantor/s/Mortagagor (s)	detailed description of the immovable properties with known encumbrances, if any	1) Branch Name 2) Account Number 3) Total Dues.	1) Date & Time of E-auction	Reserve Price, EMD amount, Bid Increase Amount	Status of Possession (Constructive/ Physical)	Property Inspection date & Time
1. Mrs. Pooja Mishra W/o. Avinash Mishra, Residing at No. 1, Raghavendra Layout, Gopal Krishna Building, Gottigere, Bangalore 560083. **2. Mr. Avinash Mishra** S/o. Rajeshwar Datta Mishra, Residing at No. 1, Raghavendra Layout, Gopal Krishna Building, Gottigere, Bangalore 560083.	ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL OF RESIDENTIAL Flat No. 201 2nd floor, D Block of Pruthvi Royal Apartment measuring 1483 sq. ft. 3 BHK in Sy No. 43, BBMP khata No. 220 by 43, situated at Gottigere Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore 560076. Known Encumbrances : Nil	**A. Rosarb-Bangalore South B. 73620600000543 73620600000548 C. Rs. 76,21,963/- Rs.10,24,209/- Totalling To Rs. 86,46,172/- As On 31-01-2025 And With Further Interest From 31.01.2025 Onwards And Along With Tax And Other Legal Charges Etc.**	on 06.03.2025 from 2.00 PM to 6.00 PM	Reserve Price: Rs. 36,00,000/- EMD Rs. 3,60,000/- BID Increase Amount : Rs. 25,000/-	PHYSICAL Possession	With prior Appointment from Authorized officer (after 16.02.2025)

For detailed terms and conditions of sale, please refer/visit to the website link **https://www.bankofbaroda.in/e-auction** and online auction portal **baanknet.com.** The possession of the Flat will be given as per sale deed and other supplementary documents will be provided as per mortgage deed with us. All pending charges regarding Property Tax, Electricity bills, Khata making charges and apartment maintain charges to be born by the Highest Bidder. Also, prospective bidders may contact the Authorised officer on Tel No. 080-25011441 and Mobile No.9137960132

Date: 16.02.2025, Place: Bangalore **Sd/- Authorised Officer, Bank of Baroda**

The harm tariff does is invisible. It's spread widely. There are people who don't have jobs because of tariffs, but they don't know it

Milton Friedman

TRUMPISTAN: GLOBAL CHAOS IN SLOW MOTION

THE THIRD EYE

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THE world is perched precariously between possibility and probability. Across the globe, in national capitals and financial markets, it would seem the future has been put on a pause—heads of state and CEOs have adopted Donald J Trump's catch phrase, "We will see what happens." The Trumpian stance is designed to liberate him from detailing his ideas, while leaving him free to align conviction with convenience.

In the 25-odd days Trump has been in office, he has unleashed a tsunami of words, ideas and actions designed to upend the existing rule-based world order. A data point illustrates the blitzkrieg. The 47th US president has signed 64 executive orders between January 20 and February 14, and more are on the way—in sharp contrast in his first presidency as the 45th incumbent, during which he signed 55 executive orders in all of 2017.

The chaos unleashed by Trump is unravelling in slow-motion. The articulations of a remarkable collision of notions and nuances, with attendant twists and turns, have disrupted assumptions and expectations. There are many streams of consciousness. Such is the array that the common refrain prefacing any question or interpretation is not what he said, but when he said what.

The migration of the tariff policy from targeted rates to universal tariffs to reciprocal tariffs—even as confirmations of the nominated commerce secretary and trade representative are awaited—illuminates the saga. This week, barely hours before his meeting with Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Trump announced reciprocal tariffs. The barefaced tactic aside, the idea itself is not new and owes its origins to the Reciprocal Trade Agreements Act initiated by Franklin D Roosevelt in 1934.

The stark difference is that in 1934 the US was facing the Great Depression. In 2025, its economic growth illuminates the term 'US exceptionalism'. The reciprocal tariff threat is mired in complexities—the US Harmonised Tariff Schedule for 160 countries is spread over 98 chapters, and has over 18,000 10-digit codes for imports. Imagine implementing it in the backdrop of the promised purge by the department of government efficiency!

Indeed, there is a distinct scent of voodoo economics scaffolding the tariff policy. The ideas seem to stem from the Project 2025 report. While the report advocates advancing "bilateral relation with India as crucial", the chapters sing a different tune. In one titled '*Case for fair trade*', Peter Navarro argues that if India were to reduce tariffs to the US levels, it would trim America's trade deficit by 24 percent; and if the US raised tariffs to India's levels, the reduction would be a dramatic 88 percent. Can bilateral ties or trade expand under this approach?

Take the 25 percent tariff on steel and aluminium. A litany of studies has established that tariffs on base inputs will hurt the US economy. A 2023 study by Lydia Cox at Yale University shows that 'upstream tariffs' have a negative impact on employment and production. While some argue it's a negotiating tactic, Cox points out that even temporary tariffs can have persistent effects on the economy. Trump's plans could well end up hurting his MAGA base.

During his campaign, Trump said "tariff is the most beautiful word" and promised the MAGA crowd and America that he would target China with 60 percent tariffs. Indeed, in October 2024, Trump declared that if China went into Taiwan, he would ramp up tariffs to 150-200 percent. He seems to have beaten a retreat since then. As of February 15, tariffs on China were at 10 percent—lower than the 25 percent threatened on America's supply chain partners Canada and Mexico. Trump's approach of 'buy American or else' with its neighbours and Europe could well dent US GDP. For now, Trump says the pain for Americans will be temporary.

The pivot is even starker on the geopolitical front. On Thursday, Trump stunned and stupefied Europe (and many other allies) by presenting the radical idea that he wants Russia back in the G8: "I'd love to have them back. I think it was a mistake to throw them out." Even as the idea was being processed, Trump threw a new curve-ball. The US president declared, "I want one of the first meetings I have is with President Xi of China [and] President Putin of Russia. And I want to say, let's cut our military budget in half."

Last week, as Benjamin Netanyahu visited the White House, Trump declared that America could take over the Gaza Strip, "level it and rebuild it". The idea was summarily rejected by the Arab world. But Trump has doubled down on the 'Eastern Riviera' plan. He told Fox News that Palestinians wouldn't have the right to return under his plan. On Friday, Arab states began discussions on a Saudi initiative to counter the Trump plan. The January 2020 Trump peace plan and the two-state solution for Palestine are now under a cloud.

If this was a lesser power, questions would be aired about its leader's cognitive coherence. This, though, is the self-professed master of the art of the deal—of grand starts, combative quotes, and mega declarations. Typically, the tack is to declare success even before objectives and outcomes are aligned to be measured. If Trump was seen moored to ideology during the campaign, in power, he seems to be guided by the expediency afforded by ambiguity. The slow motion of chaos could well get accelerated.

CONNECTING MUSK, MAGA AND MIGA

POWER & POLITICS

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MUSK and Modi aren't made for each other. And there is nothing common between the two. While Elon Musk, the richest entrepreneur in the world, has infiltrated the political establishment through the back door, with the help of huge donations, Narendra Modi has won the popular mandate for the third consecutive time. But both have one thing in common: minimum governance and maximum governance at minimum cost. Modi has the first-mover advantage, as he vowed to ensure responsive governance soon after he conquered the Raisina Hills in 2014. But soon, he discovered that putting India on a growth trajectory would be a better strategy for future elections than just trimming the bureaucracy.

Last week, the two met in Washington. As Musk, a father of 11 children, confabulated with the prime minister, he brought along three of his kids. Musk's message may not have been lost on Modi—hacksaw the babudom and political executive in India. If Modi could coin another slogan like Make India Great Again or MIGA, which resonated with Trump's winning branding of MAGA or Make America Great Again, then why not experiment partially with Musk's maverick methods?

During the campaign, Trump had announced a new department of government efficiency under Musk, which would "dismantle government bureaucracy, slash excess regulations, cut wasteful expenditures and restructure federal agencies". Now Musk is in charge of taming and pollarding the American bureaucracy. He has begun by sticking to the golden principle of maximising returns by minimising costs. His objective is to save around $2 trillion annually, which accounts for over 28 percent of the total US government expenditure.

Musk's target of $2 trillion is almost over half of India's GDP. India can't afford to dismantle the mammoth bureaucratic edifice that has been built over seven decades. But Modi and his advisors, who have delivered maximum growth, would have picked the right signals from their visit to Washington.

Undoubtedly, India needs massive administrative reforms. The PM has been repeatedly promising a better environment for the "ease of doing business". In spite of his proactive administrative and legislative initiatives, the Indian executive is still the most powerful roadblock to a faster delivery of decisions. India is government by a top-heavy executive—both in terms of political offices and number of civil servants. India ails from having a multiplicity of authorities dealing with the same subjects.

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After independence, India began with a small cabinet—a tradition that continued into the 1980s. Jawaharlal Nehru's 14-member cabinet including himself was the smallest one, with no minister of state or deputy minister. In 1971, Indira Gandhi's council of ministers comprised 13 cabinet ministers, 15 ministers of state and eight deputy ministers.

When Morarji Desai formed the first-ever non-Congress government by merging many parties, he was sworn in with 20 cabinet ministers and 24 ministers of state. During his tenure, various ministries were put under the charge of one cabinet minister. For example, the ministry of commerce, civil supplies and cooperation were handed to one cabinet minister.

When Rajiv Gandhi took over, he stuck to a maximum of 15 ministers and created a comprehensive ministry for energy. Later on, when he reshuffled his cabinet, he created a new department of human resource development. While he didn't increase the cabinet size even though he had around 400 MPs in the Lok Sabha, his council grew to 49.

P V Narasimha Rao also kept the cabinet size at 16, but appointed 13 ministers of state with independent charges and kept many ministries under one person. But his council had 59 members—the largest since independence. And this trend hasn't been reversed since.

However, as the real coalition era began with Atal Bihari Vajpayee leading a 20-odd-party government, the number of ministers rose massively, with 29 cabinet ministers, seven ministers of state with independent charge and 34 deputy ministers. Manmohan Singh broke all records by inducting 33 cabinet ministers, seven independent ministers of state and 38 other ministers of state, taking the total to 78. It was the largest permissible size under the law.

Modi, an innovator and a master of political management, couldn't dislodge the concept of maximum government. In 2014, he began with a jumbo council of 29 cabinet ministers, five MoS with independent charge and 36 MoS, leaving scope for more inductions. Not only has he one of the largest councils, but many ministers are holding multiple departments as well. There are three ministers dealing with industry—a cabinet minister for commerce, two others for heavy industries, and for small and medium enterprises. On top, all of them have a couple of MoS working under them.

There are three ministers dealing with issues related to technology. Ashwini Vaishnaw is not only a cabinet-rank minister for IT and electronics along with railways, there are other ministers dealing with science and technology. Even the agro and rural portfolios have been demarcated to induct ministers for different departments. One MoS has the distinction of holding two independent charges and four departments for the past 10 years. Though no official estimates are available, according one senior finance ministry official, a minister with his staff and other facilities costs over ₹3-4 crore annually.

No doubt India is the world's largest democracy. But can it afford over 55 ministries with 100 departments, many of them dealing with similar subjects? Donald Trump has just 15 ministers or secretaries of the crucial departments. They don't have fancy departments like we have. In the UK, too, the cabinet comprises 20 cabinet ministers.

In India, politicians are still not able to differentiate between quantity and quality. Since the Centre is top-heavy, state governments are also loaded with ministers. Since rules allow having ministers numbering up to 10-15 percent of their presence in parliament or the assemblies and legislative councils, all the states together have more than 500 ministers. Meanwhile, the Union government's wage bill has doubled in the past five years.

Perhaps Modi may pick up an idea from Musk's disruptive mission. According to experts, with Modi as CEO, India doesn't need more than 15 ministers and 25 credible civil servants or professionals to convert India into Viksit Bharat by 2047. Aided by handpicked professionals, only basic ministries such as defence, home, agriculture, external affairs, education, finance, infrastructure, transport, tourism, social welfare, environment and technology can catapult India into the fastest-growing economy in real terms. Modi commands mountainous might, which he should use to deliver maximum governance with minimum government.

THE KUMBH OF DIGITAL SPIRITUALITY

OPINION

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AS the Kumbh rumbles to a close this year, everyone is in grip of FOMO—fear of missing out—induced by influencers covering the fair. I, too, appeared on a podcast to talk about the spiritual significance of this 12-yearly mela and my experience of spending time at an earlier Kumbh. We spoke about the use of artificial intelligence and radio-frequency technologies this time.

Soon, all my screens were buzzing with ads of different apps promising a hassle-free trip to Prayagraj and luxury tent accommodations; some even assured home delivery of Ganga water from the Sangam in case I was unable to make it. This sent me looking at the digital landscape of spirituality players. Some investor reports claim this space to be even bigger than food delivery, and I would agree, having studied pilgrimage places and pilgrim behaviour. The market has so many elements, most of them unorganised. Some 900-odd startups in this space are banking on the young demographic, aiming for a slice of an estimated $60-billion market.

More than a decade ago, in my book *The Mouse Charmers*, I had classified the digital economy in three categories—commerce, content and community. Let's evaluate digital spiritual startups on these three parameters.

Content is a clear leader. Spiritual content comes in the form of devotional music, discourses, live sessions of gurus and storytellers. In this digital era, spiritual content has always been a chartbuster. *Hanuman Chalisa* on T Series remains the most viewed video in India. Devotional music channels do extremely well as repeatability is high—people like to listen again and again.

Podcasts also indicate growing appetite for spiritual content. *Mahabharata* and *Bhagavad Gita* remain among the top podcasts on Spotify. Given that there is such a large corpus of Indian scriptures that are yet to be translated and interpreted for our times, there is no dearth of material available for more in-depth content. IIT Kanpur has taken on the big task of putting the original texts in digital formats along with commentaries. They started with the *Gita* but now have *Ramayana*, the upanishads and Brahma sutras. The charm of short-form content brings its own halo.

The community aspect is dominated by digital channels of individual gurus and ashrams. Isha Ashram leads here, but many others have a strong presence too. The communities that used to meet in person at ashrams or retreats are now actively engaging on digital platforms for discourses. Many spiritual organisations have launched their own apps and some have even released their own pre-loaded tablets that can help you with guided practices like meditation or mantra sadhana. In-person retreats are also back in vogue, mostly driven by the urge to meet the guru in person.

Commerce is gaining momentum by innovating for the needs of Indian religions that are a curious combination of goods and services. On the face of it, it looks like a sale of puja items, which anyway happens through the generic e-commerce platforms. In practice, the world of spiritual practices involves more things. Let's say, as a new migrant to a big city, you want to do a griha pravesh puja before you move in. You need someone to guide you on what kind of puja is right for you, the right time and what all do you need. Traditionally, a neighbourhood pandit would do this. It's not easy to find one in new surroundings. So, we see so many apps to find a pandit or book a puja for a fee. The upside is that you will find what you need; the downside is that you would never know the authenticity. Quality, as of now, seems to be a big question mark. However, most platforms thrive on the fact that most consumers have near-zero knowledge of the rituals and mantras.

The digital landscape of spirituality is massive, but is mostly unorganised. The possibilities are immense, too. One app enables you to create your own temple on your phone and set reminders for pujas. Others allow followers to virtually congregate or find a nearby pandit for an event

Online pujas and live darshans are the biggest space covered. NRIs make for the primary audience—a case of a perfect win-win, as they can get a puja performed for a small cost. The challenge here is to have a collaborative network with large, prominent temples. In the future, temples may choose to collaborate with one or two platforms for digital access to their daily rituals. So, an app's success would depend on these networks as well as trust-building.

One app enables you to create your own temple on your phone. You can offer your pujas in this virtual temple that's always with you. The good part is that you can set reminders for your puja schedules. The downside—I hate to see the same mobile taken to washrooms or being touched with dirty hands.

Then there are sub-domains like astrology, which are probably the biggest success story in the technology-led spirituality space, with a lot of untapped potential. Then is also pilgrimage management, that has a lot of scope for innovation to cater to specific needs for pilgrims that are different from other tourists.

As our shastras would say, everything should adapt as per *desh, kaal* and *paristhiti* (space, time and circumstances). So does the medium for our spiritual pursuits.

QUOTE CORNER

The inhumane is being perpetrated on our watch. I'm here to name it... and to lend my unwavering solidarity to those who recognise the unacceptable complacency of our greed-addicted governments who make nice with planet wreckers and war criminals, wherever they are from.

Tilda Swinton, British actress, while accepting an award for career achievement at the Berlin Film Festival

If I understand him correctly, he compares the condition of Europe with what prevails in some authoritarian regimes... this is not acceptable.

Boris Pistorius, German defence minister, at the Munich Security Conference after US Vice President J D Vance's speech blasting European policies

I think it was a complete game in all aspects, beyond criticism from my part. It was a well-rounded, unblemished performance.

Carlo Ancelotti, Real Madrid manager, on beating Man City in injury time

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Rahul rethink

Ref: *Assimilation to self adoration* (Feb 15). Sonia, Rahul and now Priyanka being at the helm of the Congress is not good for India. Rahul has been in politics for 20+ years and doesn't yet know about leading from the front. He is not able to influence other state parties like the TMC and SP. The Congress should give the leadership to others like Shashi Tharoor or Sachin Pilot. By no means should Rahul be proposed for the prime ministerial post should INDIA get a majority one day.

Sreenivasan Raman, Bengaluru

No comparison

One should not compare the Congress with the BJP. Nehru became prime minister only because he was selected by Mahatma Gandhi. At that time, Nehru was elected by neither the people nor the party. In contrast, the BJP is a party of dedicated workers. No two presidents are related to each other. And Modi has given several victories to the party. Where does the present Gandhi family stand in comparison? They are losing elections, but are still the leaders.

Shreeram Paranjpe, Bengaluru

Hyderabad blues

Ref: *Hyderabad needs many dumps for garbage crisis* (Feb 15). The garbage recycling challenge that Hyderabad faces is true also for other mega cities in the country, with their air polluted and a perpetual bad odour hanging. There is a need for more dump yards with the latest technology. The Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation must think about reducing, reusing and recycling with more aggressive plans and implementation.

S Lakshmi, Hyderabad

Complementary traditions

Ref: *Celebrating a sage-unifier with Kashi-Tamil Sangamam* (Feb 15). Tamil and Sanskrit, two of the oldest languages of India, represent the country's deep cultural and literary heritage. Both have contributed immensely to philosophy, science, art and literature. Promoting the study of Tamil and Sanskrit in schools and universities can help generations appreciate their shared historical significance. By recognising Tamil and Sanskrit as complementary rather than competing traditions, India can reinforce its identity as a land of unity in diversity.

Madhu Elayath, Kaipamangalam

Washington disappointment

Sub: *Defence, trade deals to ease tariff sting* (Feb 15). The much-hyped meeting between Modi and Trump turned out to be a major disappointment for India. Instead of securing meaningful gains, India was handed only a minor concession while committing billions in purchases. Trump's high handed approach and unjustified tariff clearly demonstrate his disregard for strategic partnership. India must take a stronger stand against US pressure.

K J Haroon Basha, Vaniyambadi

Standing ground

The 10-year defence deal between India and the US, which includes the F35 stealth jets, is impressive. India politely preventing the US from mediating in its tension with China is a mammoth diplomatic move to elbow out the universal policeman.

K R Parvathy, Mysuru

Reading habit

Ref: *The pricing crossroads legacy publishers face* (Feb 14). We have to cultivate the habit of reading in kids and make a period mandatory for it in schools. Recently, an exhibition in Palakkad had a very crowded bookstall. But a similar event in my home town did not evince much interest. Hope the situation improves.

S Vignesh, Pollachi

Unfair conditions

The Central Government's decision to offer Kerala a Rs 529-crore interest-free loan instead of a much-needed rehabilitation grant is deeply disappointing. The Centre has also imposed an unrealistic deadline of one and a half months for the fund's use. Disaster recovery should not be politicised.

Syed Ashraff, Akkikavu

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POSTS OF THE DAY

Jagat Prakash Nadda @JPNadda
Under the leadership of PM Modi, PM-JAY was launched to provide healthcare to the economically weaker sections of society. Today, it stands as the largest health coverage programme in the world.

Jairam Ramesh @Jairam_Ramesh
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Trump's Deal With PM Modi Extracting A Lot More From India? Modi meekly sat and surrendered our national interest and security to Trump's bullying.

The State Department has reduced eligibility window for visa interview waivers from 48 months to just 12 months

Brace for tight norms after Trump order

JAYANTH JACOB @ New Delhi

STRICTER REGULATIONS

The US is implementing stringent visa regulations globally in line with President Trump's January 20 executive order

EXECUTIVE ORDER 14161: Under the order, the Secretary of State, Attorney General, Secretary of Homeland Security, and Director of National Intelligence must report to the President within 60 days, identifying countries with inadequate vetting procedures

VISA INTERVIEW WAIVER CHANGE: The eligibility window for visa interview waivers has been reduced from 48 months to 12 months, leading to longer wait times for Indian applicants

IMPACT ON NON-IMMIGRANT VISA HOLDERS: The change affects visa holders like H-1B and B1/B2 visas, which allow business or tourist visits to the US

PREVIOUS RULES: Travelers could renew visa without an interview if their previous visa expired within 48 months of issuance

DELAY IMPACT
The reduction in eligibility for waivers is expected to lead to longer processing times for many Indian travellers

STRINGENT visa regulations await those seeking entry into the US as American embassies in many parts of the world, including India, begin implementing President Donald Trump's January 20 executive order. "The Department of State is conducting a full review of the visa program as directed by the Executive Order," a US government official confirmed to this newspaper.

Under Executive Order 14161—Protecting the United States from Foreign Terrorists and Other National Security and Public Safety Threats—the Secretary of State, Attorney General, Secretary of Homeland Security, and Director of National Intelligence must submit a report to the President within 60 days. The report will identify countries with inadequate vetting and screening procedures and recommend partial or full suspensions on the admission of nationals from those countries.

Indian travellers planning to renew US visas may now face a fresh challenge. In line with the new order, the Department of State has abruptly reduced the eligibility window for visa interview waivers (dropbox) from 48 months to just 12 months, which will lead to longer wait for Indian applicants.

This change will affect non-immigrant visa holders, such as those with H-1B and B1/B2 visas. H1B visa is meant for specialty occupations, and B1 and B2 visa B-1/B-2 visa is a non-immigrant visa that allows foreign citizens to visit the US for business or tourism. It can also be used for both purposes.

These individuals had previously enjoyed more lenient rules established during the pandemic. The executive order seeks to "re-establish a uniform baseline for screening and vetting standards and procedures, consistent with the uniform baseline that existed on January 19, 2021, that will be used for any alien seeking a visa or immigration."

Since November 2022, travelers have been able to renew their US visa without an interview if their previous visa expired within 48 months. However, this window has now been shortened to just 12 months, requiring many more applicants to schedule an in-person appointment.

Though there have been long delays post-Covid in getting visas, travel between India and the US has soared since the pandemic. In 2023, over 1.76 million Indians visited the US, surpassing the pre-Covid 2019 figure of 1.47 million. India is now the second-largest source of international visitors to the US, after the UK.

However, with the recent changes to visa renewal rules, Indian travelers heading to the US may face even longer delays. Moreover, there will be larger scrutiny in issuing of visas under Executive Order 14161, signed by US President Trump on January 20, 2025, titled "Protecting the United States From Foreign Terrorists and Other National Security and Public Safety Threats."

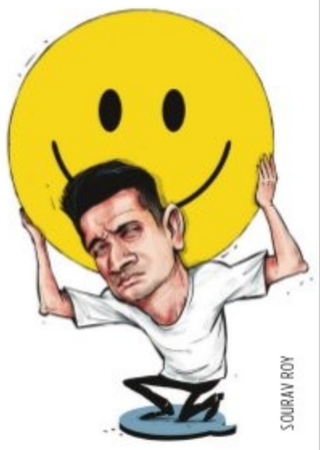
The order for example requires federal agencies to strengthen immigration screening and vetting procedures to stop people who could pose national security or public safety risks from entering the US.

It reinstates vetting standards from the previous Trump administration and mandates a comprehensive review of visa and immigration policies to ensure heightened security.

RANVEER ALLAHBADIA

THE CRINGE THAT SHOOK US

RUPAM JAIN


SOURAV ROY

I worry there is something broken in our generation, there are too many sad eyes on happy faces."

Ever since I read these lines by *Atticus*, it has stuck with me like a curse I refuse to carry. Alas! That's not quite how it all functions. But in our desperate attempt to seek the 'happy', the 'laughter', and the 'extraordinary', we are driven to content (because let's agree that's where it's all 'happening') that can 'shake us up,' literally! YouTuber and podcaster Ranveer Allahbadia's (better known as BeerBiceps) comments on Samay Raina's 'India's Got Latent' just did that!

We, as a civilised collective, are complaining, of course. 'Did Allahbadia think twice before asking a contestant on the show: Would you rather watch your parents have sex every day for the rest of your life or join in once and stop it forever?' 'What was he thinking?' 'Oh, was he even thinking?' 'Cringe cringe!'

Was that what 'comedy' is?

As a genre, yes, it's debatable — there is humour, slapstick, dark comedy, and satire, and needless to say, the audiences decide what good comedy is. The catch is, aren't we the audience divided? Does that explain the instant applause vs the subsequent trolling? Let us pause and ask: how much is too much when holding someone accountable for an offhand remark?

Allahbadia's comments were, to put it mildly, far from polished. They were tone-deaf, possibly thoughtless, distasteful, and lacking the nuance expected from someone with a substantial following. The backlash was swift. Much of what he said seemed to reinforce the 'cool culture' we are quick to boast about, reflecting a lack of awareness of what possibly can 'sit well' in a country wired to its culture. But as a society, are we expecting too much from influencers and public figures, or simply too eager to cancel people over moments of immaturity? And where to draw the line between free speech and edgy content?

Being immature is not a crime. It's not illegal to say something stupid, unpolished, or controversial. Being cringe-worthy may lead to public embarrassment, but it does not warrant the blanket condemnation that often follows, or in Allahbadia's case, cops landing at his residence, people commenting on his family, etc! Immaturity is, by definition, a lack of maturity or sophistication.

So, should Allahbadia's off-the-cuff remarks be dissected to the point of police complaints and discussions in Parliament? Should he be punished in perpetuity for a moment of thoughtlessness? It's a tricky question. Yes, the comments were cringe-worthy, even regrettable. But can we expect public figures to be flawless? Is that a realistic standard in a world engulfed in the virtual?

Allahbadia is not exactly a comedian, but he certainly plays in the realm of 'entertainment' where pushing boundaries is often the name of the game. And here's where we need to have a conversation about responsibility. Whether you're a stand-up comedian, a YouTuber, or a podcast host, a certain level of responsibility comes with having an audience. You are an 'influencer' because you want people to watch you and be influenced by your content. And that certainly comes at a price — the onus of what you are feeding your audiences.

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The problem wasn't that Allahbadia made a joke; his content felt aimless. There was no clear comedic intention behind the comments—just an influencer trying to navigate edgy territory without fully understanding the weight of his words. Unfortunately, that's where responsibility kicks in.

Comedians, historically, have made careers out of crossing lines—joking about taboo topics, pointing out uncomfortable truths, and creating humour from the most awkward situations. But a great comedian knows where to stop. There's a huge difference between making a controversial joke to address an issue and blurting out something for 'shock' value. Comedians like Ricky Gervais and Dave Chappelle faced their share of controversy, but aware their audience understood their craft was about pushing boundaries for humour. We are a different country with different opinions and not every 'humour' is laughable here.

Places of Worship Act: CJI-led SC bench will hear pleas on Feb 17

SUCHITRA KALYAN MOHANTY @ New Delhi

THE Supreme Court will hear a batch of petitions related to the Places of Worship (Special Provisions) Act, 1991, on February 17. Chief Justice Sanjiv Khanna heads the bench that comprises Justices Sanjay Kumar and K V Viswanathan.

On the same day, the court will hear the Congress' intervention application seeking a direction to be an intervenor in the pleas challenging the provisions of the Act.

The party said in the plea: "The POW Act is enacted by Parliament, and it reflects the mandate of the Indian populace. The POW Act had been envisaged before 1991 and was part of the Applicant's then-Election Manifesto for the Parliamentary elections. The POW Act is essential to safeguard secularism in India, and the present challenge appears to be a motivated and malicious attempt to undermine established principles of secularism."

The interim order was passed in the PoW Act case on December 12 last year by a special bench of CJI Khanna and Justices Sanjay Kumar and KV Viswanathan after hearing a batch of pleas.

Notably, some petitions have challenged the Act's constitutionality, and a few others sought its strict implementation.

Many parties such as CPI (M), Indian Union Muslim League, NCP (Sharad Pawar) MLA Jitendra Awhad, Rashtriya Janata Dal MP Manoj Kumar Jha, Viduthalai Chiruthaigal Katchi MP Thol Thirumavalan and AIMIM chief Asaduddin Owaisi have sought to intervene in the matter, supporting the PoW Act.

The top court has also received pleas, including one by BJP leader and lawyer Ashwini Kumar Upadhyay, seeking direction that Sections 2, 3 and 4 of the PoW (Special Provisions) Act, 1991, be set aside.

Former Rajya Sabha MP Subramanian Swamy also submitted a plea against the provisions of the 1991 law. He wanted the apex court to "read down" specific provisions to enable Hindus to claim the Gyanvapi Mosque in Varanasi and Shahi Idgah Mosque in Mathura.

EAM calls out West's double standards on democracy

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

EXTERNAL Affairs Minister S Jaishankar rejected the western viewpoint that democracy is in crisis globally and pilloried the West's doublespeak on the issue. "I reject the idea that democracy is in crisis worldwide. In India, we are voting well, living well, and remain optimistic about the future of our democracy, which has indeed delivered," Jaishankar said at a panel discussion in Munich. He pointed at the ink mark on his index finger, symbolising his recent vote.

He flayed the West for its double standards on democracy, accusing it of treating democracy as an exclusive "Western characteristic", while actively supporting "non-democratic forces" in the Global South – a practice that still continues.

Jaishankar said countries of the Global South are more likely to relateto the fact that the "Indian experience is more transposable to their societies than perhaps to those of others."

Apart from Jaishankar, the panel comprised Norway's Prime Minister Jonas Gahr Store, US Senator Elissa Slotkin and Warsaw Mayor Rafal Trzaskowsk, who were discussing "Live to Vote Another Day: Fortifying Democratic Resilience," at the Munich Security Conference.

A query was put to the minister if countries in the Global South still aspire to have a democratic system and if its people are attracted to it, Jaishankar said: "Look, to an extent, all big countries are unique to an extent. But, we would certainly hope, I mean to the extent, we think of democracy as a universal aspiration, ideally a reality."

The minister stressed that India has "historically been an open society" and stayed true to being a democratic model despite challenges. "I would argue that India has historically been an open society, one very much linked with the world. So, I do think that in our progress as a democracy, the fact that for all the challenges that we have had, even at a low income, we have stayed true to the democratic model. When you look at our part of the world, we are pretty much the only country that has done that," he said.

EAM, Ukraine foreign minister talk bilateral ties

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

DURING a meeting with External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar on the sidelines of the Munich Security Conference (MSC) in Germany, Ukrainian Foreign Minister Andrii Sybiha urged India's support in achieving a lasting peace in the ongoing conflict with Russia. The two leaders discussed ongoing efforts toward resolving the Ukraine conflict and explored opportunities to strengthen bilateral ties.

Jaishankar said on 'X' that the two leaders discussed efforts towards resolution of the conflict besides the advancement of bilateral cooperation.

Sybiha expressed gratitude to Jaishankar for the "meaningful meet," and emphasised a shared interest in advancing cooperation with India across various sectors, including trade, technology, agriculture, and security.

"We are interested in developing relations with India and advancing cooperation in trade, technology, agriculture, security, and other areas. We also rely on India's strong global voice to bring a just and lasting peace closer," the Ukraine minister said.

Harvard, Stanford link to 'clean' Kumbh

PARVEZ SULTAN @ New Delhi

10,000 sanitation workers maintained Mela area during Makar Sankranti Snan

1.45 lakh toilets

ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERN

88 holding areas with drinking water, electricity, toilets, and bonfires for pilgrims for 'Amrit Snan'

Two advanced Faecal Sludge Treatment Plants, alongside 10 Sewage Treatment Plants

15,000 sanitation workers round the clock

60 CRORE eco-friendly leaf plates produced and sold at 300 locations

9,000 sq mt land transformed into green space; 27,000 saplings of 27 different species

25,000 dustbins and 28.5 million liner bags for waste collection

THE Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (Mohua) has tied up with institutions of international repute to study waste management and delivery of urban services at the ongoing Maha Kumbh, where the footfall has already crossed the 50-crore mark.

The aim of the research is to understand and highlight the impact of innovative measures, sanitation strategies and administrative arrangements for maintaining cleanliness.

The list of institutions includes Harvard Business School, Institute for Competitiveness – Stanford University, International Finance Corporation, MicroSave, Gates Foundation, Indian School of Business, IIM-Indore, IPSOS Research Private Limited, and National Institute of Urban Affairs.

According to officials, the largest congregation at the confluence of the Ganga, Yamuna, and Saraswati rivers is an opportunity to record and analyse the achievements made under the Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM) launched in 2014.

"After a decade of SBM's transformative impact, the Maha Kumbh serves as a testament to the nation's progress in fostering a cleaner and sustainable urban environment. Engaging noted institutions is to document and examine the achievements methodically. As a part of the survey, the teams are conducting activities such as observation and documentation of sanitation and solid waste infra," said officials.

The surveying groups are also holding interactions with service providers and other stakeholders to assess experience and gather feedback from the locals and devotees.

As per the data released by the Uttar Pradesh government, 50 crore people have already visited the Maha Kumbh turning into the largest congregation in mankind for any religious, cultural, or social event. The 45-day festival will conclude on February 26.

The ministry recently requested the UP urban development department to grant "necessary" permissions to conduct studies and gather data.

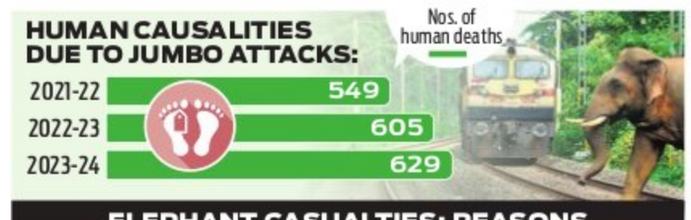
Harvard Business School is conducting research on subjects such as food and beverage management, operations of the event, inter-city connectivity, multimodal transport hubs, and public transport systems. The scope of the study includes review of governance frameworks and proposing models for urban development.

Stanford University is examining solid and waste management efficiency and waste disposal mechanisms. It will study potable and non-potable water distribution and accessibility.

IIM-Indore will check interventions related to behaviour change, IEC (Information, Education, and Communication), and advocacy in sanitation. IPSOS is undertaking a sanitation assessment; evaluation of solid and liquid waste management systems. IFC-Gates Foundation is observing socio-economic impact in six districts; Prayagraj and adjoining areas including Varanasi and Ayodhya.

47 elephants killed in rail accidents between '21 & '24, Rajya Sabha told

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ New Delhi



ELEPHANT CASUALTIES: REASONS

YEAR	TRAIN-HITS	ELECTROCUTION	POACHING	POISONING
2021-22	15	62	4	6
2022-23	15	100	14	4
2023-24	17	94	9	1

THE past three years have witnessed a worrying increase in elephant casualties caused by train collisions, electrocutions, poaching, and poisoning. Also, incidents of human casualties due to attacks by wild elephants have risen as these jumbos venture out of their natural forest habitats, a trend that continued from 2021-2022 to 2023-2024.

The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change recently reported in the Rajya Sabha that 47 elephants had died from being hit by running trains across various forested states. This figure includes 17 deaths in 2023-24 and 15 in both 2021-22 and 2022-23.

The government data shared with the Upper House indicated that electrocutions have emerged as a significant threat to the lives of wild elephants. According to data, 258 elephants were electrocuted over the past three years. The year 2022-23 reported the highest number of electrocutions of elephants, with 100 of them dying.

Poaching continued to take its toll, with 27 elephants reported dead from poaching-related activities in the same period. Moreover, 11 jumbos were killed through poisoning.

Besides, the rising incidents of human casualties due to attacks by elephants exacerbate the situation in several states with wider forest covers. The fatalities increased from 549 in 2021-22 to 629 in 2023-24, totalling 1,783 human casualties reported from across the country over the past three years. These incidents reflect the escalating tension between humans and elephants, often caused by habitat encroachment and lack of proper mitigation measures.

The government has validated 150 elephant corridors across 15 elephant range states in response to these alarming statistics. These corridors are intended to provide safe passage for elephants.

FORCES FELICITATION

Manipur Governor Ajay Kumar Bhalla on Saturday honoured units of the Indian Army, Assam Rifles, CRPF, BSF, and Manipur Police with citations for their exemplary service in counter-insurgency and disaster response.

07 TENTS WERE GUTTED AFTER A BLAZE BROKE OUT AT MAHA KUMBH

INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	31	19	Mumbai	34	24
Bhopal	29	17	Panaji	34	22
Jaipur	30	16	Patna	26	14
Amritsar	20	10	Lucknow	28	13
Chennai	30	23	Port Blair	31	23
Kolkata	29	19	Imphal	22	09
Srinagar	12	-01	Chandigarh	25	11

Why Amritsar chosen? Political slugfest erupts

BJP and Congress flay CM Bhagwant Mann questioning logic behind all US planes carrying illegal deportees landing only in Punjab city

HARPREET BAJWA @Chandigarh

A political brouhaha has erupted with BJP and Congress flaying Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann over him questioning the logic behind all the US planes carrying illegal Indian deportees landing only in Amritsar and accusing the Centre of "conspiring" to divert the landings to Punjab.

One landing is on late Saturday evening with 119 deportees abroad and the other, on Sunday with 157. In the three batches, 128 deportees hail from Punjab.

The BJP and the Congress have hit back at the Aam Aadmi Party, whose Chief Minister in Punjab Bhagwant Mann alleged two days ago: "What is the criterion for choosing Amritsar? The Centre and the Ministry of External Affairs should tell me. Why did you choose Amritsar and not the national capital? You did this to defame Punjab and Punjabis."

He also dragged Prime Minister Narendra Modi into the controversy, alleging he "did not bother to take up the issue" with US President Donald Trump. Mann sought to make it a region vs Centre issue, saying, "The BJP-led Centre always discriminates against Punjab. It does not let go of any chance of defaming the state. As part of a conspiracy, they are trying to defame Punjab and Punjabis."

(L)Cuffed and shackled illegal migrants being deported on US military aircraft (R) Aircraft carrying first batch of illegal Indian migrants in Amritsar airport | AFP

The BJP hit back at Mann, senior BJP leader RP Singh writing on X, "Amritsar is the closest international airport for flights entering India from the USA. That's why the US plane carrying illegal immigrants is landing there. Stop politicising the issue and promoting conspiracy theories due to your lack of knowledge."

BJP MLA Manjinder Singh Sirsa said the Punjab government and police were aware of how travel agents loot Punjab youth by prompting them to sell their lands to go to America by taking illegal routes.

He flayed the state government, asking, "How could such travel agents flourish? They made thousands of people jobless. AAP should think about how they destroyed Punjab. They said that people would leave everything (in the US) and return to Punjab, but they are selling their lands to leave Punjab, and AAP is still creating a drama."

Punjab BJP vice president Fatehjung Singh Bajwa said Mann was degrading his own state. "These agents are taking huge sums of money and sending the children to other countries. Immigration is the biggest industry in Punjab. What action has been taken against illegal immigration centres? This issue should not be politicised. The families of Punjab are already under pressure. Nothing was done when they left, and now the CM is making it political."

The Congress also took umbrage at Mann's statement, with Leader of the Opposition in the Punjab Assembly, Partap Singh Bajwa, lashing out at the Mann government for not curbing human trafficking of Punjabis in the last three years.

Bajwa said that the Punjab Prevention of Human Smuggling Act 2012 regulates the profession of travel agents to check and curb illegal and fraudulent activities of travel agents indulged in organised human smuggling in Punjab. "Can CM Mann, who also holds the home portfolio, let the Punjabis know how many travel agents have been booked under the same law in the last three years?" he questioned.

Accusing Mann of not announcing a rehabilitation programme for the first batch of deportees but indulging in a "publicity stunt", Bajwa threw the chief minister's accusing words back at him: "Mann said that illegal immigration is not only a problem in Punjab but a national problem. True, but is his government not responsible for acting if any illegality happens in the state? He seems to have been running away from his responsibilities. It was one of AAP's main election planks to stop the brain drain by motivating youngsters to explore careers in the state."

He said that it had been ten days since the first flight carrying 104 deportees, including 30 Punjabis, arrived in Amritsar, and the Mann government failed miserably to provide a helping hand and announce any rehabilitation programme for them. He has not announced compensation for them. The AAP government has not assured them that the government would help them get their money refunded by the illegal travel agents.

Another 119 deportees head for Punjab

The plane, expected to land at the Amritsar International Airport around 10 pm carries 119 deportees. Among them 67 are from Punjab, 33 from Haryana, eight from Gujarat, three from Uttar Pradesh, two each from Goa, Maharashtra and Rajasthan, and one each is from Himachal and J&K. The deportees comprise four women and two minors, including a six-year-old girl, sources said, adding that most the deportees are in the age group of 18 to 30. A third plane carrying 157 deportees is also expected to land on Sunday, they said.

RANCHI DIARY

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U'khand GDP may reach ₹3.7L crore in 2024-25

Uttarakhand's economy is winessing a positive growth, with the state's GDP expected to reach ₹3.78 lakh crore in 2024-25, reflecting a growth rate of 6.61%. Per capita income has increased from ₹2.46 to ₹2.74 lakh, as announced by Planning Secretary R Meenakshi Sundaram at a press conference. The state's Gross Environment Product (GEP) index, assessing the health of forests, air, soil, and water, will be released this year. "Uttarakhand is the first state in India to evaluate both GDP and GEP," Sundaram stated. The GEP cell will be established in the new FY to facilitate this initiative, following last year's collaboration with HESCO to assess environmental components.

Simplified online process for inner line permits

Chamoli district administration has announced a simplified online application process for Inner Line Permits, facilitating visits to the India-Tibet border region. A dedicated website is being launched soon, allowing tourists to apply for permits from the comfort of their homes. DM Sandeep Tiwari stated, "Every year, numerous tourists and devotees flock Maan Pass, Rimkhim Pass, and Niti Pass due to their natural beauty and religious significance. The new online facility aims to alleviate application difficulties faced by visitors."

Helicopter service for Yamunotri Dham soon

Preparations are underway to introduce helicopter services to Yamunotri Dham for the first time, mirroring the existing service for Kedarnath. The helipad near Yamunotri has been completed, with two successful trial landings conducted. Sonika, CEO of the Uttarakhand Civil Aviation Development Authority, stated, "The department has initiated efforts to start the helicopter service." Currently, helicopter services are operational only for Kedarnath Dham, with chartered helicopter facilities available from Jolly Grant Airport to Kedarnath and Badrinath.

After being abandoned in dustbin, 'Pihu' saved by docs at Bhopal hosp

ANURAAG SINGH @Bhopal

A newborn girl, abandoned in a dustbin with her throat slit in Madhya Pradesh's Rajgarh district last month, was saved thanks to timely twin surgeries and 24-hour medical care at a government hospital in Bhopal. Not only did a team of pediatric surgeons save her life through two surgeries, supported by dedicated nursing care at the state government's Kamla Nehru Hospital in Bhopal, but they also named her 'Pihu.'

Pihu, who is now over a month, has been handed over to a child shelter home in Rajgarh district. The staff of the shelter, along with local police, had rushed the abandoned newborn to the hospital last month, enabling her to receive timely life-saving treatment.

Dr Dhirendra Shrivastava, head of the pediatrics department at Kamla Nehru Hospital, said, "While we have successfully treated abandoned newborns in the past, this case was particularly critical. The wounds caused significant damage to the neck muscles, and they were not superficial but rather very deep. Her injuries required suturing and blood vessel repair through two surgeries. A team of doctors and paramedics has been monitoring her progress around the clock for the past month."

Dr Shrivastava added that demonstrating the true essence of humanity and duty, they took complete responsibility for her treatment and well-being. They felt it was important to give her a name, so they unanimously decided to call her Pihu."

Now that this little fighter has made a full recovery, she is being sent to a children's home in Rajgarh district, where efforts will be made to ensure her a brighter future.

Groom dies on horseback at wedding procession

A 27-year-old groom collapsed and died while on horseback during his wedding procession in Sheopur of Madhya Pradesh. The groom reportedly danced with the members of the 'barat' (wedding procession) before boarding the horse the horse inside the wedding venue. When other baratis were busy dancing, the groom suddenly collapsed.

GAS LEAK

25 schoolkids taken ill, dozen unconscious

RAJESH ASNANI @Jaipur

MULTIPLE children felt ill, with some losing consciousness and others vomiting on school premises on Saturday, due to a hazardous ammonia gas leak from the nearby Chambal Fertilizers and Chemicals Limited (CFCL) factory in Kota.

Around a dozen students lost consciousness, and a total of 25 reported ill. The incident occurred at CFCL's Gadepan plant while classes were in progress at a govt school.

Many parents rushed their children to Kota District Hospital, while some students received treatment at the CFCL plant's hospital. Dr. R.K. Sharma of CFCL Hospital confirmed that 14 children and one staff member were admitted, with six critically-ill students referred to Kota District Hospital. They are said to be stable now.

School principal Ranjana Sharma said, "The gas leak occurred while the morning assembly was in progress. When contacted, the CFCL management allegedly dismissed concerns, claiming the gas release was a routine process and had been minimised.'

BJP sweeps C'garh local body polls, wins all mayoral seats

EJAZ KAISER @Raipur

THE BJP swept the urban body polls in Chhattisgarh on Saturday, winning all 10 mayoral seats, while rival Congress failed to secure any. After winning the 2023 Assembly polls and 2024 Lok Sabha elections, the party has reinforced its electoral supremacy in Chhattisgarh.

On February 11, electronic voting machines (EVMs) were used to poll the urban bodies in 10 municipal corporations, 49 municipal councils, and 114 nagar panchayats.

"Of the 49 municipal councils, the BJP won chairperson's posts in 35, Congress in 8, AAP in one and independent in 5", the state election officials said.

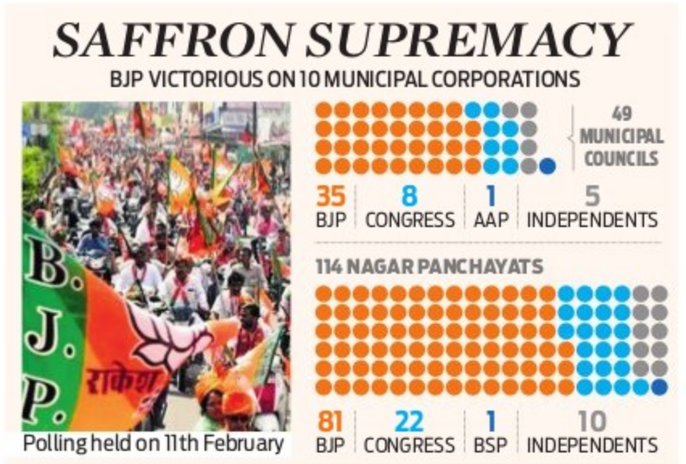
Similarly, the BJP emerged the dominant party in 114 nagar panchayats, winning 81, followed by the Congress in 22 and BSP in one, while independents emerged victorious in 10 seats.

The election outcomes indicate that BJP has strengthened its presence at every level, with the people reaffirming overwhelming support for the ruling party, while Congress has suffered significant losses. During his election campaign, CM Vishnu Deo Sai often appealed to the electorate to vote for a triple-engine government—national, state, and local governance – to ensure the development pace continues 'without a break' in Chhattisgarh.

"The BJP retains the trust of people. It's a historic people's mandate in our favour. Our government will fulfil all promises of our manifesto Atal Vishwas Patra (released ahead of urban body elections) just like we are achieving the pledges that the party declared under Modi ki guarantee", the CM said.

"The voters have endorsed the leadership of the Sai government, its welfare initiatives and policies", affirmed Pankaj Jha, media advisor to the CM.

The BJP sustained a consistent lead in all 10 municipal corporations after the vote counting process began at 9 a.m. and remained way ahead in most municipalities and nagar panchayats, too. Congress state president Deepak Baij said the poll results were not as expected. "We accept the people's decision and will introspect the failure," he stated.



Polling held on 11th February

Ahead of biz summit, Himanta says travel curbs to NE against investment

PRASANTA MAZUMDAR @Guwahati

AS Assam gears up for the 'Advantage Assam 2.0' business summit to be held February 25-26, Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma on Saturday emphasised the collective responsibility to create a positive atmosphere for attracting investments to the state.

Tourism, renewable energy & hydrocarbons, aerospace & defence manufacturing, fragrance and flavours, electronics & semiconductors, mobility & logistics, bamboo & sustainable harvest and food & beverages are the focussed sectors of the business summit.

However, travel advisories issued earlier by several countries, warning citizens against visiting Northeast, pose an impediment due to the violent ethnic conflict in Manipur.

Addressing a press conference in Guwahati, Sarma said the withdrawal of travel advisories was imperative to attract foreign investments to the state. "You cannot have foreign investments without the withdrawal of travel advisories. Australia and Japan have taken steps (to remove travel advisories) following initiatives that External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar and I undertook. In the next three months, there will be a lot of queries from foreign embassies because we've urged everyone to withdraw the advisories," Sarma said.

He said Assam recorded a 66% reduction in crimes in the past three years with no adverse incident. It is everyone's responsibility to spread positive vibes for attracting investments, he stressed. Citing how advisories are affecting Assam, he said the state, despite being richer in wildlife and biodiversity, was losing out to Gujarat and other states in terms of inflow of foreign tourists.

Talking about his Bhutan visit, he said, "The reason I went to Bhutan was that it is trying to develop a Singapore-Gelephu Mindfulness City. Gelephu is just 8 km away from Assam. We urged Bhutan to set up a special economic zone in Assam as there was little scope for industrialisation in Gelephu."

PM to inaugurate summit

Several central ministers, top Indian industrialists, foreign industry players, ambassadors of several countries will attend the summit which will be inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Synchronising with the 200 years of Assam Tea, the state govt is organising a Jhumoir dance ensemble in Guwahati on February 24. Over 8,000 Adivasi (tea garden tribes) dancers will perform in the inaugural event.

'External influence': U'khand book fair put off

NARENDRA SETHI @Dehradun

IN a surprising turn of events, the highly anticipated book fair in Srinagar, Pauri Garhwal, scheduled for February 15 and 16, has been cancelled abruptly. The organisers have cited external pressures as the primary reason for this decision, specifically referring to the influence of the BJP's student wing, the Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP).

According to the organisers, the ABVP raised objections to the sale of literature pertaining to the lives and legacies of iconic figures such as Mahatma Gandhi and Jawaharlal Nehru. "We were informed that the ABVP opposed the inclusion of these books, which ultimately led us to cancel the event," one of the organisers lamented.

Sub-Divisional Magistrate Nupur Verma responded to the allegations surrounding the cancellation of the book fair, asserting, "The claims that permission for the book fair was denied due to political pressure are baseless." She emphasised the importance of addressing misinformation, stating, "Some individuals are trying to spread misinformation on social media, which is inappropriate."

Verma clarified that the decision to not grant permission was solely due to scheduling conflicts, explaining that the Ramleela Ground was already reserved for a pre-scheduled event organised by the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh.

The National Students' Union of India (NSUI) has expressed strong discontent over the cancellation of the upcoming book fair in Srinagar, accusing the local administration of bias against literary events. They termed the incident as "unfortunate" for a hub of education like Srinagar.

The NSUI has urged the organisers of the book fair to consider holding the event in Pauri instead. NSUI's general secretary, Ankit Sundriyal, and state secretary, Mukul Kumar, jointly stated, "The book fair was set to feature participation from the renowned Garhwali artist Narendra Singh Negi. Over 75,000 books from Hindi, English, and local Garhwali authors were to be showcased."

Sundriyal further said, "It has come to light that the BJP's affiliated student organisation is opposing this event. Narendra Singh Negi has also expressed his displeasure on social media regarding the denial of permission for the fair."

Sundriyal emphasised, "This is not just an opposition to books but an opposition to our culture. Any organisation that hinders educational activities has no right to call itself a student organisation."

Author and historian Jai Singh Rawat expressed his concerns regarding the cancellation of the book fair, stating, "There is a fear of books, which signifies that they still hold power. Article 19 guarantees freedom of expression to every citizen. Such political encroachment in the realm of literature is detrimental to the democratic atmosphere."

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Ukrainian drones shot down on Friday night, says Russia

GLOBAL WEATHER

LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • LS: Light Snow • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

Beijing	-1	-12	SNY	Los Angeles	18	9	SNY
Colombo	34	23	SNY	Melbourne	26	18	SNY
Dhaka	27	16	SNY	Moscow	-1	-4	LC
Dubai	25	19	SNY	New York	1	-1	LC
Houston	28	21	SNY	Singapore	31	25	SNY
Istanbul	7	4	LR	Toronto	-3	-5	LS
London	7	2	LR	Washington	2	1	LS

US unreliable, it's time for European force: Zelenskyy

MUNICH

TWO top European leaders stiffened their spines Saturday over unsettling new policies from Washington under President Donald Trump, as Ukraine's president urged creation of an "armed forces of Europe" and the leader of Germany denounced meddling in its election after US Vice President JD Vance met with a German far-right leader.

Strident speeches from Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy and German Chancellor Olaf Scholz on Day 2 of the Munich Security Conference testified to the impact of a blizzard of Trump decisions that have resonated at home and in Europe, notably his hopes to end the Russia-Ukraine war and nurture perceived allies on the continent.

Ramping up his desire for a more muscular and mighty Europe, Zelenskyy said Ukraine's three-year fight against an invading Russian army has proved that a foundation exists for the creation of a European army that has long been discussed among some continental leaders. "I really believe that time has come," he said. "The armed forces of Europe must be created." It's unclear whether the idea will catch on with European leaders. Zelenskyy has sought greater military and economic support from the European Union for years and repeatedly warned that other parts of Europe could be vulnerable to Russia's expansionist ambitions too.

Germany's Chancellor Olaf Scholz, right and Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, meet for talks at the Munich Security Conference on Saturday | AFP

Zelenskyy alluded to a phone conversation between Trump and Russian President Vladimir Putin this week, after which Trump said he and Putin would likely meet soon to negotiate a peace deal over Ukraine — breaking with the Biden administration's harder line against Moscow over Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine.

Scholz also took aim at the new political tack from Washington, affirming his strong stance against the far-right and said his country won't accept people who "intervene in our democracy" — alluding to remarks by US Vice President JD Vance who scolded European leaders over their approach to democracy. *AFP*

Swiss prez backs Vance

Amid angry European reactions to US Vice President JD Vance's combative speech in Munich, Switzerland's president said on Saturday she shared many of the "liberal values" he expressed, seeing the speech as a "plea for direct democracy". While the speech elicited strong rebukes from German and other leaders, Karin Keller-Sutter, Switzerland's finance minister who currently holds the country's one-year rotating presidency, urged calm and praised the "very liberal principle" expressed in the speech. In an interview with the Le Temps daily published Saturday, she said that "in a certain sense, (the speech) was very Swiss in its call to listen to the population."

Russia says it captured one more village in eastern Ukraine

KYIV

RUSSIA said on Saturday its forces had captured the village of Berezivka in their latest breakthrough in eastern Ukraine's Donetsk region, where Ukrainian defenses are creaking. Ukrainian officials did not immediately comment.

Russia's much larger army has conducted a sustained year-long campaign along the eastern front, gradually loosening the short-handed and weary Ukrainian forces' grip on its strongholds as the war approaches its fourth year later this month. Though only a small settlement, the capture of Berezivka would advance Russia's sweep across the Donetsk region, which has cost Moscow heavily in troops and equipment but has paid dividends for the Kremlin.

In the offensive, Russian forces crush settlements with the brute force of 1,300-kilo glide bombs, artillery, missiles and drones, then send in infantry units to attack the exposed defenders. Russia seeks to take control of all parts of Donetsk and neighboring Luhansk, which together make up Ukraine's Donbas industrial region. Kyiv's recent losses in eastern Ukraine coincided with uncertainty over whether the United States will keep providing vital military aid.

US President Donald Trump, who says he is making American interests his priority, this week said he would likely meet with Russian President Vladimir Putin soon to negotiate a peace deal over Ukraine.

Speaking at the Munich Security Conference on Saturday, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said that Europe cannot rule out the possibility that "American might say no to Europe on issues that threaten it" and that the time has come for the creation of an "armed forces of Europe." *AFP*

EXPRESS READ

15 terrorists killed in NW Pakistan

Islamabad: At least 15 terrorists, including high-value target ringleaders, and four army personnel were killed in two separate intelligence-based operations in the volatile Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province in northwestern Pakistan on Saturday. According to a statement from the Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR) the two intelligence-based operations were carried out in Dera Ismail and North Waziristan districts of the province.

Large blaze at luxury London hotel

London: A fire broke out at a luxury London hotel and restaurant known as a celebrity hotspot, engulfing the historic building and forcing about 100 people to be evacuated, fire services said. More than 100 firefighters and 20 fire engines spent hours fighting the blaze that ripped through Chiltern Firehouse in Marylebone on Friday, the London Fire Brigade said. The red brick building, a former fire station dating to the late 19th century, is known as a favourite with celebrities with stars including Madonna and Tom Cruise among customers

Hamas frees 3 hostages, Israel releases 369 Palestinians in 6th exchange

JERUSALEM

PALESTINIAN militants released three Israeli hostages on Saturday in exchange for 369 Palestinian inmates freed by Israel, completing the latest swap despite fears the Gaza truce deal was near collapse.

An AFP journalist saw masked Hamas gunmen parade the hostages onto a stage before a crowd in Gaza's southern city of Khan Yunis.

Israeli-American Sagui Dekel-Chen, Israeli-Russian Sasha Trupanov and Israeli-Argentine Yair Horn were made to make statements into a microphone before being handed over to the Red Cross and taken back home to Israeli territory, after being held for more than 16 months.

Clutching gift bags given by their captors, the three men, flanked by fighters, called for the completion of further hostage exchanges under the ceasefire deal.

Not long after, a busload of Palestinian prisoners departed Israel's Ofer Prison and were greeted by a cheering crowd in the occupied West Bank city of Ramallah, an AFP journalist said.

More buses took inmates from an Israeli prison in the Negev desert to the Gaza Strip, according to another AFP journalist.

Saturday's swap, the sixth since the truce took effect on January 19, came after Hamas had threatened to pause hostage releases over alleged Israeli violations, while Israel had threatened to resume the war if it did. Out of 251 hostages seized during Hamas's October 7, 2023 attack on Israel that sparked the war, 70 remain in Gaza, including 35 the Israeli military says are dead.

The latest release led to tears of joy among friends and family members.

"Finally, Sasha can be surrounded by his loved ones and begin a new path," Trupanov's family said.

Dekel-Chen's wife, Avital, said in a call to her sister aired by Israel's Kan public broadcaster: "My breath has returned. He looks so handsome."

Dekel-Chen finally learned the name of his youngest daughter, born two months after his capture. Later in the day, hundreds of Palestinians freed by Israel reached Khan Yunis, southern Gaza, where they made victory signs and waved to a jubilant crowd.

In the West Bank, one freed inmate, Amir Abu Radaha, said: "I've returned to my family and I've returned anew, born again."

Charged with intentionally causing death and being a member of an illegal organisation, according to Israel's justice ministry records, Abu Radaha had spent almost 32 years in jail. Israel confirmed it had released a total of 369 prisoners. According to the Palestinian Prisoners' Club advocacy group, those to be freed included 36 serving life sentences, 24 of whom were due for deportation under the terms of the truce deal. *AFP*

Pope Francis shakes hands with Sister Raffaella Petrini | AP

Pope appoints Sister Raffaella Petrini to run Vatican as its first woman guv

VATICAN

Another woman is taking over a top management job in the Vatican: Sister Raffaella Petrini, an Italian nun, was named Saturday as president of the Vatican City State, making her essentially the governor of 108-acre territory in Rome that is home to the Catholic Church.

Petrini, 56, had previously been the secretary general of the Vatican administration, which among other things is responsible for the city state's infrastructure and the Vatican Museums, a major source of revenue for the Holy See. She moves into the top job on March 1 following the retirement of Cardinal Fernando Vérgez Alzaga, who turns 80 that day. Pope Francis had previously announced Petrini's promotion, part of his effort to place women in decision-making roles in the Vatican to serve as models for the rest of the church. The Vatican officially published the appointment Saturday while the pope was hospitalized with a respiratory tract infection.

Last month, Francis named the first woman to head a major Holy See office, appointing another Italian nun, Sister Simona Brambilla, to become prefect of the department responsible for all the Catholic Church's religious orders. While women have been named to No. 2 spots in some Vatican offices, never before have women been named to the top jobs of the Holy See Curia or Vatican City State administration. Catholic women have long complained of second-class status in an institution that reserves the priesthood for men.

But there has been a marked increase in the percentage of women working in the Vatican during his papacy, including in leadership positions, from 19.3% in 2013 to 23.4% today, according to statistics reported by Vatican News. *AP*

Eastern Congo's second-largest city falls to rebels backed by Rwanda

GOMA

PANIC swept through eastern Congo's second-largest city on Saturday as residents fled by the thousands, scrambling to escape the looming advance of Rwanda-backed rebels.

The morning after M23 fighters entered the outskirts of Bukavu—a city of about 1.3 million people that lies 101 kilometers south of rebel-held Goma— some streets were flooded by residents attempting to leave and looters filling flour sacks with what they could find. A pall of silence set in later in the day as residents and business owners braced for what comes next. Most people waited in their home, shocked as corpses burnt to ash lay strewn in the streets — casualties of the looters who filled the vacuum left by Congolese soldiers earlier abandoning their posts. "They set fire to the ammunition they were unable to take with them," said Alain Iragi, among the residents who fled in search of safety on Saturday. Reports and social media videos showed the region's factories pillaged and prisons emptied while electricity remained on and communication lines open in most places.

"It's a disgrace. Some citizens have fallen victim to stray bullets. Even some soldiers still present in the city are involved en masse in these cases of looting," a 25-year-old resident of a neighborhood being looted told The Associated Press. The Congo River Alliance, a coalition of rebel groups that includes M23, blamed Congolese troops and their allies from local militia and neighboring Burundi for the disorder in Bukavu. *AP*

ASIA MATTERS

PALM OIL BLENDING TO START IN MARCH

Palm oil-based biodiesel programme will reach full implementation next month, energy ministry official Eniya Listiani Dewi told Reuters on Friday. The aim of the programme is to reduce Indonesia's reliance on imported diesel fuel. The so-called B40 mix, contains 40% palm oil, up from the the 30% currently available in market

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, the undersigned Advocate on behalf of my client **Sri Basavaraju**, have filed the above petition for death certificate of **Smt. Sarojamma W/o. Late Veerabadrashetty, was died on 08-05-2003**, at Puttappana gudi beedi, Devanahalli Town and taluk, Bangalore Rural District, if any parties who have objections may dispute regarding the same can appear before the Prl Civil Judge and J.M.F.C at Devanahalli and date of hearing **on 06/03/2025 at 11-00 A.M in C.Mis.No. 10/2025**

By Order of the Court, Sd/- Chief Ministerial Officer Prl. Civil Judge & JMFC Court, Devanahalli
Vijayakumar .V, Advocate

PUBLIC NOTICE

General public is hereby notified that our client Sri. Ahmad Waris Rizvi lost the Original sale deed dated 02.03.2020 vide Document No. BSG-1-07788-2019-20 in respect of the Flat bearing No.J-0561 in 5th Floor, BRIGADE PLUMERIA AT BRIGADE MEADOWS situated at Kaggalipura Village Panchayath, Kaggallipura Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk and other documents on 08.02.2025 about 4.30 PM in between Majestic to Mysore Bank Circle at Bengaluru. In this regard my client has lodged the online complaint on 10.02.2025 vide Lost Report No. 1470958/2025 with regard to the lost of above said document. However if any person who finds the above said document kindly return to the below given address.

SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY
BRIGADE PLUMERIA AT BRIGADE MEADOWS

All that property measuring 341571 Sq. Feet equivalent to 31732.77 Sq. Mtrs., forming portion of larger property and bearing Sy. Nos. 148/2, 148/3, 147, 146, 138, 139, 140, 141, 144, 145, 123 and situated in Kaggalipura Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk and bounded by:-

East By : Park and Open Space No. 13 within 'Brigade Meadows' and property in Sy.No.136.

West By : Govt. Nala within 'Brigade Meadows'.

North By: Park and Open Space No. 12, Visitor's Parking-6 within 'Brigade Meadows' and Private property.

South By : Park and Open Space No. 15 and thereafter wards proposed 18 meter wide I.M.P. Road within 'Brigade Meadows'.

SCHEDULE 'B' PROPERTY

All that Residential Apartment bearing No. J-0561 in Fifth Floor of Tower 'J' in the Project viz., "BRIGADE PLUMERIA" at 'BRIGADE MEADOWS' built in Schedule 'A' Property and measuring 999 Sq. Feet of Carpet Area (92.85 Sqm.), and 440 Sq. Feet (40.90 Sqm.) of Proportionate share in common areas such as passage, lobbies, lifts, staircases and other areas of common use and totally measuring 1440 Sq.Feet (133.75 Sqm.), of super built-up area approximately with One Covered Car Parking Space in the Upper/Lower basement level and the Apartment is presently bearing E-Khatha No. 150200300100324202 in the records of Kaggalipura Village Panchayath, Kaggallipura, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk and Apartment is bounded by:-

East By : Apartment No. K-0571 in Fifth Floor in Tower 'K' of "BRIGADE PLUMERIA",

West By : Lift Lobby in Fifth Floor in Tower 'J' of "BRIGADE PLUMERIA",

North By : Open towards Open space in Tower 'J' of "BRIGADE PLUMERIA",

South By : Apartment No. J-0562 in Fifth Floor in Tower 'J' of "BRIGADE PLUMERIA",

PRADEEP H.S., Advocate
M/s. PHS LAW ASSOCIATES
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PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform to the general public that my client **(i). Sri. M. Narendra**, S/o. Late Muniveerappa, aged about 44 years and **(ii). Sri. M. Sreenivas**, S/o. Late P.M. Muniyappa, aged about 43 years, residing at 7th Cross, Nagayana Palya, Maruthi Sevanagar Post, Bengaluru - 560 033 and their family members filed the **O.S. No.245/2020** in respect of **Sy.No.171/1 measuring 1 acre**, situated at **Kattigenahalli Village, Jala Hobli, Yelahanka Taluk** against the Children of late Muthappa i.e., Narayan .M, Venkatesh .M, Ramesh .M, Yashodha .M, and Lakshmamma, Channappa, Utharid, Vijayanarasappa, M.S. Narasappa, Shivamala Narasappa and Mid West Builders Pvt. Ltd., and another suit in **O.S.No.7/2022** in respect of **Sy.No.171/3 measuring 1 acre 35 guntas**, situated at **Kattigenahalli Village, Jala Hobli, Yelahanka Taluk** against the Children of late Muthappa i.e., Narayan .M, Venkatesh .M, Ramesh .M, Yashodha .M, and Lakshmamma, C. Gopinath and Prakash Chandra, Suraj Prakash, Sanjeev Prakash and their family members and M/S. Salapuria Real Estate Pvt. Ltd., and both cases filed before the Hon'ble **Prl. Senior Civil Judge and JMFC at Devanahalli** and the said cases pending for consideration. The defendants in both cases suppressed the cases pending against the schedule properties and selling / alienating the flats to the general public.

Therefore, the general public hereby inform that, during the pendency of the aforesaid cases, do not purchase any flats constructed in the schedule properties, if purchase the same, my clients shall have no other option, but shall constrain to proceed against the purchaser with appropriate legal proceedings in the competent court of law and for which the purchaser is held responsible for all costs and damages.

SCHEDULE PROPERTIES

1. All that piece and parcel of the landed property bearing **Sy.No.171/1, measuring 1 acre, situated at Kattigenahalli Village,** Jala Hobli, Yelahanka Taluk and bounded on: East by : Property in Sy.No.171/2, West by: Sri. Nagappa's Land (Sy.No.170), North by : Property in Sy.No.171/3, South by : Bagalur Main Road;

2. All that piece and parcel of the landed property bearing **Sy.No.171/3, measuring 1 acre 35 guntas, situated at Kattigenahalli Village,** Jala Hobli, Yelahanka Taluk and bounded on: East by: Property Bearing Sy.No.171/2, West by: Property Bearing Sy.No.170, North by: Sy.No.169 and South by : Property in Sy.No.171/1;

Sri. HANUMEGOWDA .Y.M, Advocate
Off/at. Sri. Lakshmi Sounds Building, 2nd Floor, Behind New Bus Stop, Devanahalli Town, Mob: 9611230343

PUBLIC NOTICE

Our client has entered into an Agreement to sell to purchase immovable residential property which is morefully described in the schedule hereunder from **SRI. SANDEEP. N,** Aged about 44 years, Son of Sri. Nanjappa. P, presently residing in GERMANY Represented by his GPA Holder SRI. NANJAPPA.P, aged about 73 years, son of Late Puttaswamy Setty, Residing at No.200, 2 nd Cross, 2nd Stage, Near Gurudwara, Brindavan Extension, Hebbalu, MYSURU – 570 020. Any person/s who claim/s any right, title or interest of any nature or any lien charge in relation to the Schedule Property or has any objections should lodge such claim or objections in writing with the undersigned together with supporting documents **within 10 days** from this date, failing which, it will be presumed that no valid claim or objection and our client would proceed to complete the sale transaction.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of Immovable Residential Property bearing 51, Katha No.52/2B, situated at Puttenahalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore, now identified as Bank of Baroda Layout, 3 rd Main, J.P. Nagar 7th Phase, Bengaluru – 560 078, measuring East to West:41.0 Feet and North to South:35.0 Feet, totally measuring 1435 square feet, together with 2 squares A.C. Sheet building constructed thereon, now coming under the jurisdiction of BBMP Ward No.187-Puttenahalli, vide E-PID No.5703544696 and bounded on: **East by:** Private Property, **West by:** Road, **North by:** Property, No.82, **South by:** Site No.52.

L.T. GOPAL & H.C. RAJESH, Advocates
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Publics are hereby informed that my client **Mr. ENDLA PRASAD REDDY,** Aged about 49years S/o Sri. Keshava Reddy Endla,Residing at No.A-504, Rohan Mihira, Chinnappanahalli, AECS Layout, Marathahalli, Bengaluru-560 037, Aadhar No.7000 1620 5711, would like to purchase the below mentioned Schedule Property from its owner **Mr. LAKSHMISHA. B. N** Aged about 50 years,son of Sri. Narayanappa. B. C, Residing at Singappa Garden, Balagere Village, VarthurHobli, Bengaluru-560087, For that, my client intended to purchase the with the above owner. If any persons having any objections to purchase the schedule Property, having any right over the schedule property may lodge their objections and claims before the under signed, along with supporting documentary evidence within **Ten days** from date of this publication, and the objection and claims received thereafter will not be binding on my client and will proceed to purchase the schedule property as there are no objections, claims and is free from all encumbrances.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of **Agricultural Property bearing Sy.No.10/13,** (Old Sy. No.10/5), measuring an extent of 0 Acre 10.08 Guntas, Situated at Sorahunase Village, Varthur Hobli, earlier Bangalore South Taluk, Presently Bangalore East Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District, with all the rights, approaches and appurtenances whatsoever whether underneath or above surface and bounded on:

EAST By	: Road and Land bearing Sy. No.10/16 and 10/17,
WEST By	: Land bearing Sy.No.10/19 and 10/20,
NORTH By:	Land bearing Sy. No.10/12,
SOUTH By:	Land bearing Sy. No.10/14.

S. G. ASHOK KUMAR, Advocate
No.9, G. K. R COMPLEX, Opp. Govt School, Munnekolala, Marathahalli Post, Bengaluru-560 037. Mob. No.9972106039
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PUBLIC NOTICE

By way of this notice, is hereby notifying the General Public Banks/NBFC/money lenders/public-private institutions/ any legal person/s all that, our clients namely Sri.Ravindra M Japur S/o Sri.Mahadevappa, R/at No. 107, Phase 2, Royal Enclave Rachenahalli, Srirampura Jakkur Post, Bengaluru-560046 and his partners/associates are willing to purchase the following schedule property from M/s Lake Point Builders Pvt Ltd., Rep by its Authorized Signatory Anil Hirani, No.514, Dalamal Towers, Nariman Point, Mumbai-400021, through a Sale deed, in this regard all the legal formalities like agreement Sketch, Katha and preparation of sale deed and paying of sale consideration are everything at the final/conclusion stage. Since this schedule property has been purchased by M/s Lake Point Builders Pvt Ltd. on 5-4-2006 from GDR Reddy, M/s Aryavartha Builders & Developers & M/s Dakshina Bharatha Griha Nirman Pvt Ltd., now our client Ravindra M Japur & his partners intending to buy the schedule property.

If any person/company third party/s has any type of objections/claims/liabilities, attachments, agreements or any manner of right, title or interest over the Schedule Property may lodge their objections/claims, with all supporting documents/evidence to the under singed Advocates **within 7 days** from the undesigned date of this publication.

Failing which our clients shall proceed with the sale transaction to purchase the Schedule Property from M/s Lake Point Builders Pvt Ltd., and any right that may arise later will not be entertained, as treating that there are no objections/claims and it shall not be binding on our clients.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that part & parcel converted land approximately measuring 27,000 sqft out of 34 Guntas in Survey No.120 situated at Sanna Ammanikere Village, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District, DC Convertion order No.ALN (Devanahalli) SR/1/2005-06 dated 27-4-2005 issued by DC, Bengaluru Rural bounded on the:

East by : Land in SY No. 119
West by : Land in SY No. 106
North by : Land Sy No. 107/3
South by : Land in SY No. 121/1

Sd/- **MLC LAW ASSOCIATES**
Office: No. 17/1, Sankey Road, KP West, Bengaluru-20.
Mobile: 9886426655, 9886798873.
Date: 15-02-2025

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to bring to the notice of general public that my client Sri. Arvind Kumar Sharma, S/o Sri. Chunni lal Sharma. aged about 38 years, residing at No. CB 10, Eagleton the Golf, Shanumangala (PO), Shanumangala Village, Bidadi Hobli, Ramanagar District-562109, as he is the absolute owner of All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL OF the vacant site property bearing Plot No. 178, Khatha No. 756/178, PID No. 152900402002601224 in Sy.No. 220 had been converted from Agricultural to Non-Agricultural residential purposes vide Order No: BDS ALNSR: 106/1996-97, Dated:22-07-1996 by The Assistant-Commissioner, Ramanagara, situated at "MAGNOLIA GARDENS", Shanumangala Village, Bidadi Hobli, Ramanagara Taluk, Ramanagara District, comes within the purview of Manchayanakanahalli Grama Panchayath, measuring to an extent of East to West: 50 feet, North to South 60 feet in all totally measuring 3000 Square feets, the ground and totaling first floor built-up area is about 1500 Sq. feet, having vitrified floor with commonly used woods, the same was purchased by my client under registered sale deed dated:27/02/2023, Document No.13461/2022-23, C.D.No.RMN-1-01427/2023-24, Book I, at the office of the sub registrar Ramanagar Dist., from its previous owner Dr.B.Krishna Prasad & another rep by GPA holder Dr.B.Krishna Prasad in his favour.

That Original Sale deed dt:20.3.2000 registered as doc no.2953/1999-00 mentioned above has been lost by my client at the time of making xerox copy at a xerox shop near Ramnagara bus stand, Ramnagar on 14/02/2025 at about 12:15 pm, my client has also given a police complaint in this regard after enquiring about the same. My client has also obtained the certified copy of the said sale deeds.

Any person or persons having or claiming any manner of right, title, lien, interest etc. in respect of the above said Property within 7 days from the date of this publication, failing which the claims, if any of whatsoever nature of all such person/s shall be deemed to have been waived or abandoned & my client will proceed with certified copies of the said sale deeds, instead of the above lost original sale deed; as if no valid claim or right is subsisting in favour of any one against the above said property.

Mr. Kiran.S, Advocate,
No.566, 75th C cross, VI Block Rajajinagar, Bangalore -10. Mob: 9141679995.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
CHANGE OF NAME

LOST-DEGREE CERTIFICATE

I, KANNAN P.V., residing at Puthumana House, Ochanthuruth P.O., Puthuvype, Ernakulam - 682508, have lost / misplaced my **DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF TECHNOLOGY CERTIFICATE in COMPUTER SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING, Register No. 00602710, April 2011, Sl. No. 0045565**, issued by **COCHIN UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY.** If anyone has found it, please contact me, **Mob: 9447734093**, within 15 days from the date of this advertisement.

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DOCUMENT LOST

I, Prakash Baskaran have lost My Original Sale deed documents Situated in Achettapalli Village of Hosur Taluk, Krishnagiri Dist., Doc No -1489/1982, Sy No - 446, 450, (SRO Kelamangalam) While Some Personal Work in Malur (kolar Dist.,) Case Registered No.1475134/2025, Finder Please Contact or Return to This Address, Prakash Baskaran, Do/No.2, Kufdiyanuru Village, Lakkuru Hobali, Malur (Kolar Dist.,) Phone - 9865232542.

IN THE COURT OF THE HON'BLE XII ADDL. CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE AT BENGALURU CCH-27
P & SC. 89/2025

Petitioner: Sri. Jagannath J. S/o R. Jayraj Aged about 47 years, R/at No.131, Raj Nivas, 2nd floor, 4th main, K.G.E layout, R.M.V. 2nd stage, Bengaluru-560094 **V/s**
Respondents : Nil

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas the above named has made petition to this Court U/s 276 of Indian Succession Act.. for grant of probate in favor of Petitioner with respect to registered will dated: 29-10-2024 as mentioned in the Petition Schecule below bequeathed by one Miss. Treasa Anula I, Maternal Aunt of Petitioner herein who expired on 04.11.2024.

The court has fixed the **12th Day of MARCH 2025** for hearing the said petition interested person/ persons may appear in person are through an advocate duly instructed in that regard on the said date at **11.00A.M.** failing with the matter will be heard and decided ex-parte.

PETITION SCHEDULE PROPERTY

1. All the piece and parcel of house bearing Municipal No.20, PID No.1-18-20, 5th Cross, Susheel Nivas, Sharadamba Nagar, BBMP, Jalahalli, Ward old No.1, New No.16, Bengaluru, old site No.11, formed out of Sy.No.70/5, situated at Jalahalli Village, Bengaluru North Taluk, Bengaluru, measuring: East to West: 30 feet, North to South: 42 +41/2 feet in all total measuring 1245 square feet and bounded on:
East by: Site No.6, **West by :** 25 feet Road,
North by: Private property, **South by:** Site No.12.
As per the will after selling the above property total consideration amount has to be divided as here i.e., Rs.10,00,000/- to Vasanthi Gunashekhar, Rs.5,00,000/- to Suganthi I.M., Rs.10,00,000/- to Jesintha Jayaraj, Rs.10,00,000/- to Vijay, Rs.3,00,000/- to Deepa Treasa, Rs.5,00,000/- to Nanda Gopal G.R., Rs.5,00,000/- to Madhu Malvika, Rs.3,00,000/- to Prathibha, Rs.2,00,000/- to Parimala Purushotham, Rs.5,00,000/- Janat J. and Rs.5,00,000/-to Jarren J. and remaining amount to the petitioner namely Jagannath J.

2. All the piece and parcel of the golden jewelleries like two necklace weighing about 43.80 grams, two bangles (one damaged). weighing about 15.90 grams, one Chain weighing about 18 grams, which were in the Canara Bank, Sanjayanagar Branch, Bengaluru equally among Jesintha Jayaraj i.e., mother of the petitioner, Praveena W/o Petitioner, Madhu Malavika i.e., sister of petitioner and Suganthi i.e., aunt of the petitioner and the said golden ornaments are mentioned in column No.2 of item No.4 of petition of the will with serial No.1 to 3 and the said golden ornaments are the petition schedule item No.4 of this petition. The amount which was obtained by pledging gold ornaments was used for her treatment, now the petitioner's family members are ready to repay back the amount which was received by pledging the gold in order to get the gold ornaments of testator and on the said golden ornaments, the loan of Rs.2,93,000/ has obtained by the testator and the said golden ornaments have to be divided equally among Jesintha Jayaraj, Praveena W/o Jagannath, Madhu Malavika and Suganthi as per the registered will dated: 29-10-2024.

Given under my hand and seal of this court on this 14th day of February 2025.

By Order of the Court
Sd/- Senior Sheristedar
City Civil Court, Bangalore

Advocate for Petitioner Rakshith R
Rakshith & Co
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(As per Rule 8(1) of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the TATA Capital Housing Finance Limited., under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued a demand notice dated as below calling upon the Borrowers to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of the said notice.

The borrower, having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower, in particular and the public, in general, that the undersigned has taken Possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 of the said Rules.

The borrower, in particular, and the public in general, are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **TATA Capital Housing Finance Limited,** for an amount referred to below along with interest thereon and penal interest, charges, costs etc. from date of demand notice.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Loan Account No.	Name of Obligor(s)/Legal Heir(s)/ Legal Representative(s)	Amount & Date of Demand Notice	Date of Physical Possession
9424759	**Mr. Sandeep R,** (Borrower) **Mrs. Gowramma, Mrs. R Vinay Kumar** (Co Borrower)	As on 19th Nov, 2024 Rs.41,93,326/-	14th Feb, 2025

Schedule of the Property: All the piece and parcel of the property bearing Municipal No.52/39, New No.39/G, Situated at 1st Main Road, Marena halli, Bangalore measuring East to West 30 Feet and North to South 30 Feet in all measuring 900 Sq.ft, and bounded on: **East by:** Property belongs to Poojappa; **West by:** Road; **North by:** Property belongs to Poojappa; **South by:** Property belongs to Vasu Reddy;

Date : 14 Feb 2025
Place : Bangalore

For Tata Capital Housing Finance Limited
Sd/- Authorised Officer

₹1,646 CR worth cryptos the ED has seized as part of a money laundering probe into a fraud investment scheme where depositors were duped in the name of securities investment, says report.

'Good time for cos to invest in India'

Hindalco MD Satish Pai says PLI scheme, state incentives are encouraging cos to invest in India

DIPAK MONDAL @ New Delhi

IT is a good time for domestic companies to invest more in India – the current environment is very conducive, India's economic growth will be more than the rest of the world and there is also policy consistency from the government, says Satish Pai, managing director of Hindalco Industries in an interaction with TNIE. Pai also mentioned that the production-linked incentive (PLI) scheme and state incentives are also encouraging industries to invest in India.

Hindalco has committed ₹40,000 crore investments over the next three years in brownfield expansion.

"It's not just for announcing, we are actually doing the project. I think for us, it was the market condition and the strength of our balance sheet (which helped us make these investments)," says Pai.

Pai said that the Lapanga rolling plant (in Odisha) is getting commissioned this month, while the work in the Kansariguda alumina project is starting this week. The construction work of the copper recycling plant in Gujarat has started. The company has applied for environmental clearance for the copper smelter in Dahej and the aluminum smelter Lapanga.

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>
> Satish Pai, managing director of Hindalco Industries

"Two projects are off the ground, two projects are in environmental clearance phase," says the Hindalco MD, when asked about the company's expansion plans.

Hindalco Industries, the Aditya Birla Group metals flagship, reported a consolidated net profit of ₹3,735 crore for the third quarter, up 60% year-on-year, driven by a strong operational performance by the India business.

Pai attributed the strong Q3 numbers to very strong performance in the India Business, both in aluminum and copper.

"We managed to keep our costs under control. We had stable operations, we benefited from our third party alumina sales because alumina prices went up. So that's why the downstream aluminum business also performed well. On the copper side, the demand was very strong. The copper also benefited from by-product sales, because it's a very varied chain. So that's why the Indian businesses did very well," Pai said while giving reasons for strong Q3 numbers.

Pai expects the global sales to remain flattish. "We export about 30-35%, mostly to Asia. So, we are not seeing our primary markets being impacted, but we are not expecting huge growth internationally," he said, adding that for the India business, the company is not dependent on the international market.

When asked if the Trump administration's economic and tariff policies will impact Hindalco, Pai said he does not expect the Indian aluminum market to be suddenly flooded with aluminum coming in from countries which export to the US.

He says that a large part of US aluminum is coming from Canada, and he does not think that the US has any other option but to take that Canadian aluminum. Hindalco has an exposure in the US market through its Novelis plant. "Mr Trump is doing this to make the US manufacturing sector bigger and stronger. So, our view is that Novelis will ultimately benefit from these policies," says Pai.

NEWSCOPE

INFRA SETBACKS UNDER NEW REGIMES

GURBIR SINGH

ADANI Green Energy's withdrawal from its wind power project from Sri Lanka follows months of stout opposition by local communities. The exit was also fueled by the new left-leaning government of Anura Kumara Dissanayake's unhappiness with the deal. While most companies face reviews of their projects, the Sri Lankan rebuff comes as a reminder that most Adani offshore forays have seen controversy and push backs because they have sought to impose onerous terms.

While an Adani group statement calls it a 'withdrawal', the fact is the Sri Lankan government cancelled the deal. The wind power project, signed in May 2024 by former president Ranil Wickremesinghe's government, was slated to generate 484 MW for coastal belt of Mannar and Pooneryn. However, it was found power purchase rate of $0.0826 Kwh was far higher than offered by local companies.

The ongoing skirmish between Adani Power and the state-owned Bangladesh Power Development Board (BPDB) for the supply of power from the former's Jharkhand plant has followed a similar trajectory.

A contract was signed in 2017 between the former Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and Adani Power to supply 800 MW of power generated for Bangladesh by the Godda plant in Jharkhand.

However, there was trouble soon after a new Islamist government led by former banker, Mohammed Yunus, took power on August 5, last year. From October 31, Adani Power cut supply by half after the failure of BPDP to repay its mounting dues. Currently, Bangladesh had asked Adani to restore full generation claiming it is clearing its dues and repaying $85 million a month. Yet the chasm seems to be widening. Adani Power has claimed dues of $900 million, while Bangladesh says it is $650 million.

Underlying the immediate dispute is the Bangladesh charge that Adani's power costs Bangladesh 55 percent more that sold by other Indian entities to Dhaka. The new government is smarting and has promised to review the Sheikh Hasina contract.

DEALS THAT WENT WRONG

What is common to the Sri Lanka and Bangladesh is the charge that the Adani Group had forced the two host countries to sign PPAs above market value. In both cases there are allegations of arm-twisting by New Delhi.

The recent calendar of botched up Adani offshore projects is pretty crowded. In a state-of-the-nation address on November 21, 2024, Kenyan President William Ruto ordered the cancellation of a procurement process for a 30-year lease to the Adani Group for Nairobi's Jomo Kenyata International Airport. The award was in exchange for a $2-billion upgradation including a second runaway and refurbishing passenger terminal.

SOURAV ROY

Ruto cancelled a separate 30-year, $736 million public-private partnership with the Group to construct power transmission lines. Public perception saw these contracts as 'exploitative'. It was, therefore, no surprise that the Kenyan President's announcements in Parliament drew thunderous applause.

Far away in Queensland, Australia, an Adani subsidiary Bravus Mining & Resources, has faced environmental protests ever since its Carmichael mines were approved for mining coal in 2014. Shipments of coal destined for Asian hubs started from 2021 but the mine has drawn huge criticism for the possible impact of the Great Barrier Reef, water usage and carbon emissions. More recently, in November last year, Adani's Bravus Mining faced accusations of racism against aboriginal groups. Representatives from the Nagana Yarrbayn Wangan and Jagalingou Cultural Custodians have filed complaints alleging they were "verbally and physically obstructed and prevented" from performing their cultural rites in the springs near the mining area.

While the Carmichael mine is functional and profitable, Myanmar's Sittwe Port, on the Arakan coast of Myanmar's Rakhine state, turned out to be a wild goose chase. Initially the port was developed under a $120 million project with an Indian government line of credit, and was to be a trading link between Kolkata Port and the Myanmar-controlled maritime routes.

MYANMAR EXIT

However, since 2021, after the military coup in Myanmar, Sittwe Port's development, in the works since 2008, has stalled in the crossfire between the Myanmar Army and Arakan rebels. Before the civil war broke out, Adanis, sensing an opportunity, in May 2019, forged a 50-year pact valued at $150 million to construct and manage a container terminal at Yangon Port.

Later, as the Myanmar civil war hotted up and the US imposed sanctions on Myanmar-junta owned businesses, the project stalled. The Group exited in May 2023 selling the terminal project to a local firm, Solar Energy, for $30 million, a major haircut to the original investment of $120 million.

On balance, the ambitions of the Group to become a multinational powerhouse have not gone well. The fact that US prosecutors charged Gautam Adani in November 2024 for participating in a ₹2,100 crore bribery scheme in exchange for solar power contracts has not helped the situation. Perceptions are important and the series of reverses and bad business practices will go into international memory as 'neo-colonialist' forays. Big conglomerates like the Adani Group wear the nation's badge when they do business on foreign soil. It is therefore imperative they not only do their due diligence; but they should also be seen as ethical and above board in their dealings.

Disclosure rules on related-party transaction

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MARKETS regulator Sebi on Saturday introduced industry standards for the minimum information that listed entities are need to provide to the audit committee and shareholders when seeking approval for the related-party transactions.

The Industry Standards Forum (ISF) comprising representatives from three industry associations -- ASSOCHAM, CII and FICCI -- have formulated these standards for minimum information to be provided for review of the audit committee and shareholders for approval of related party transactions in consultation with Sebi under the aegis of the stock exchanges.

The industry associations and stock exchanges will publish these standards on their websites to facilitate a uniform approach and assist listed entities in complying with the requirements, the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) said in a circular on Friday.

The new disclosure requirements will come into effect from April 1, it added.

Under Sebi's LODR (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) rules, related party transactions (RPTs) require approval by the audit committee and from the shareholders as well, if material.

New India Co-op Bank former GM booked for ₹122 crore fraud

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Mumbai

THE economic offences wing of the Mumbai Police have registered a case against Hitesh Praveenchand Mehta, a former general manager and head of accounts with New India Cooperative Bank.

The bank was placed under an administrator by the Reserve Bank for governance failures and misappropriation of public funds from Friday, for allegedly siphoning off ₹122 crore from its treasury.

As per a PTI report on Saturday, the FIR has been registered at the Dadar Police station in central Mumbai, which states Mehta and his associates embezzled ₹122 crore, which customers had kept in the bank's Prabhadevi and Goregaon branches. Later, the Dadar police have transferred the case to the economic offences wing. The FIR is registered under sections 316(5) (criminal breach of trust by a banker) and 61(2) (criminal conspiracy) of new criminal laws under Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita. Mehta, who oversaw the Dadar and Goregaon branches, is accused of misusing his position to commit fraud between 2020 and 2025.

The case against Mehta was lodged on a complaint by Devarshi Shishir Kumar Ghosh, the bank's now sacked chief executive officer, at the Dadar Police station, as per the PTI report. Ganesh Gawde, deputy commissioner of police Zone 5, said the case has been transferred to the economic offences wing for further probe.

On Friday, thousands of panic-stricken depositors had queued up before the branches of the bank seeking to know if their money was safe and could be withdrawn. The RBI's restrictions prevent the bank from issuing new loans, making investments, borrowing funds or allowing withdrawals for six months due to concerns over its financial stability. The RBI superseded the bank's board for 12 months, citing "poor governance standards". The RBI has appointed Shreekant, a former chief general manager of SBI, as administrator to manage the bank's affairs. Additionally, a committee of advisors has been formed to assist him, the RBI said.

The RBI directed the loss-making bank not to grant or renew any loans and advances, make any investment, incur any liability including borrowing funds and acceptance of fresh deposits, disburse or agree to disburse any payment whether in discharge of its liabilities and obligations without prior approval of RBI in writing.

Bajaj Consumer acquires Hyderabad-based Vishal Personal Care for ₹120 cr

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

BAJAJ Consumer Care, the Kushagra Bajaj-promoted company will acquire a 100% stake in Vishal Personal Care, the Hyderabad-based FMCG company, for ₹120 crore. The acquisition will take place in two phases, starting with an initial 49% stake, followed by the remaining 51% in the second tranche, Bajaj Consumer care, said in a statement.

The company said that with the acquisition of Vishal Personal Care, Bajaj Consumer Care will be leveraging Vishal's extensive distribution network to deepen their penetration in South India. It will also introduce brand Banjara's products in its stronghold Hindi-speaking markets (HSM), effectively doubling its reach in both the regions.

Banjara's was founded in 1991 under Vishal Personal Care Pvt. Ltd. in Hyderabad. It has built a strong reputation for its high-quality, natural, and effective hair and skin care solutions. Bajaj Consumer Care said that Vishal Personal Care and Bajaj share a strong heritage rooted in Indian tradition, reinforcing consumer trust and credibility.

The Mumbai-based company said that with a well-diversified product portfolio including facial kits, herbal powders, aloe vera gels, shampoos, and hair care powders, the brand caters to a growing segment of consumers seeking safe and natural beauty solutions which largely aligns with the values of Bajaj Consumer Care.

Vishal Personal Care products has an extensive retail presence, reaching over 70,000 outlets across the five South Indian markets through cosmetics stores, supermarkets, pharmacies, and grocery chains.

Vishal Personal Care has annual revenue of Rs 50 crore, growing at a CAGR of 14% over the past four years. The company maintains high single-digit EBITDA margins and operates debt-free with positive cash flow. Speaking on the acquisition, Jaideep Nandi, MD, Bajaj Consumer Care, said, "Acquisition of Vishal Personal Care is a strategic step in strengthening Bajaj Consumer Care's footprint in the five southern markets. The addition of Banjara's to our portfolio enhances our ability to serve evolving consumers across India, while complementing our product range for further expansion."

BHEL secures order for 2x660 MW Koradi Power Station in Maha

New Delhi: Bharat Heavy Electricals has secured an order under domestic competitive bidding, for setting up 2x660 MW Koradi supercritical thermal power station, in Nagpur, Maharashtra. The order has been placed on BHEL by MAHAGENCO. The scope of work envisages design, engineering, manufacturing, supply, erection, testing, commissioning of plant package (boiler, turbine & generator) and associated auxiliaries, along with electrical, civil and structural works. The scope includes supply of advanced, high-efficiency emission control equipment. BHEL contributes 75% of MAHAGENCO's coal-based generating capacity for Maharashtra and it is currently executing the utility's Bhusawal project in the state.

MSME outreach programme by PNB

Bhubaneswar: Punjab National Bank, second largest PSB of the Country, has organized MSME Outreach programme at 150 different locations across the country including seven locations of the state i.e. Bhubaneswar, Cuttack, Berhampur, Dhenkanal, Angul, Sambalpur and Balasore. The objective of the event was to create awareness about the various schemes of Govt. such as PMEGP, PM Swanidhi, PM Vishwakarma, PM Mudra, PMFME and different loan products of bank such as GST Express, Prime Plus, PNB Sampati, Trade Growth with an aim to provide financial assistance to the prospective customers. In an event at Circle Office, Bhubaneswar Sanjeeb Kumar Mishra, Principal Secretary, Govt. of Odisha has inaugurated the programme in presence of Rajesh Kumar, Zonal Manager, Bhubaneswar Zone, Debarchan Sahoo, General Manager, PNB Head Office, New Delhi and Laxmikanta Mishra, circle head, Bhubaneswar Circle.

Business & Beyond

BCL CMD Asad Alam highlights importance of casting quality for wagon stocks

Kolkata: Md Asad Alam, Chairman and MD , Braithwaite & Co. (BCL), delivered a speech on quality requirements of castings for wagon stocks at the 73rd Indian Foundry Congress and IFEX 2025, organised by The Institute of Indian Foundrymen (IIF).

Addressing a gathering of Indian foundry leaders, Md. Alam emphasised that castings are fundamental to ensuring strength, stability, and reliability of India's railway network. He highlighted BCL's legacy in wagon manufacturing and steel fabrication. "As a pioneer in railway industry, BCL has been at the forefront of manufacturing advancements, continuously setting higher benchmarks for quality and innovation," he stated. With Indian Railways transporting over 1.6 billion tonne of freight annually, the demand for durable and high-performance castings is more crucial than ever.

Customer outreach programme by BoB's Bhubaneswar region

Bhubaneswar: Bank of Baroda's Bhubaneswar Region initiated and carried out a customer outreach program in 5 branches today in spanning two districts of Khordha & Nayagarh district. Amongst the branches were Bhubaneswar Main Branch, Samantarapur Branch of Khordha and Gumei, Beruanbadi & Kunjabangarh branches in Nayagarh district. The meeting was presided by Shri VMNS Saibabu, Dy. General Manager & Regional Head, Bhubaneswar Region and senior executives & staff members from Regional Office. The outreach program was well received by all customers and key products of Bank of Baroda pertaining to CASA, Retail Assets, MSME, CASA Enablers, Wealth and Agriculture segments were showcased. The program ended with felicitation of one women & one senior citizen customer from each branch.

Chennai to host regional NTPC electron quiz

NTPC, India's largest integrated power utility, has announced the Electron Quiz 2025, a flagship event celebrating its 50th year of excellence. Scheduled to run from February 1-28, 2025, this year's quiz has been expanded to 9 regional locations, underscoring NTPC's commitment to fostering talent and engaging with India's brightest minds. The regional round of South is going to be held on February 15 at the MMA Auditorium in Chennai. There are prizes: ₹30,000 for winning team, ₹20,000 for runners-up, and ₹10,000 for third position, along with a consolation prize of ₹4,000 for teams placed fourth to sixth. The top two teams from each region will advance to 3 National Semi-Finals, and subsequently, the top two from each Semi-Final will qualify for the national finals.

Wrestlers seek sports minister's intervention

Asian champion Sunil Kumar, U-23 Asian Championship gold winner Minakshi and several other Indian wrestlers gathered at Sports Minister Mansukh Mandaviya's residence in New Delhi on Saturday, seeking his intervention to secure approval for their participation in the upcoming Ranking Series in Albania. The second Ranking Series of the year is scheduled to be held from February 26 to March 2.

World No 1 Sinner accepts 3-month ban to end doping drama

AGENCIES @ Milan

JANNIK Sinner's long doping saga came to an end on Saturday after he agreed to a three-month ban from tennis, the World No. 1 admitting "partial responsibility" for team mistakes which led to him twice testing positive for traces of clostebol in March last year.

The February 9 to May 4 suspension means Sinner will be free to play in the French Open, the second Grand Slam of the season, which begins on May 25 at Roland Garros.

In a statement, Sinner said that the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) accepted that he "had no intent and did not derive any competitive advantage from the two positive tests" of the banned substance. Australian Open champion Sinner has always said that clostebol entered his system when his physiotherapist used a spray containing it to treat a cut before providing a massage and sports therapy.

"This case had been hanging over me now for nearly a year and the process still had a long time to run with a decision maybe only at the end of the year," Sinner said. "I have always accepted that I am responsible for my team and realise WADA's strict rules are an important protection for the sport I love. On that basis I have accepted WADA's offer to resolve these proceedings on the basis of a three-month sanction." WADA said separately that "Sinner did not intend to cheat" but that he would serve his suspension as he is responsible for the actions of his entourage. Sport's global doping watchdog confirmed it was withdrawing its appeal to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS), which was due to hear the case in April.

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The agreement between Sinner and WADA also means that Sinner will be able to play in front of his home fans at the Rome Open which kicks off just after the end of his suspension and is the last big clay-court tournament before Roland Garros.

Saturday's announcement brings to an end a controversy which has followed Sinner everywhere just as he rose to become the top player in men's tennis and a multiple Grand Slam winner. Sinner was facing a potential ban of two years after WADA appealed to CAS against his initial exoneration by the International Tennis Integrity Agency (ITIA), announced in August.

The positive tests were not initially made public while the ITIA investigation was ongoing and Sinner had been allowed to carry on playing after successfully appealing provisional suspensions. "We were satisfied that the player had established the source of the prohibited substance and that the breach was unintentional. Today's outcome supports this finding," said the ITIA on Saturday.

With India looking to hire more local coaches, **Indraneel Das** tries to ascertain the areas that needs to be addressed in order to draw top talents

SEEKING RESPECT AND HEALTHY ATMOSPHERE

A YEAR before the 2010 Commonwealth Games, an Indian coach who was conferred with the Dronacharya Award in 2003, was asked to join the national camp as one of the national coaches in athletics. The government policy at that point of time could pay a remuneration of ₹30,000 per month. What complicated matters was even if the officials wanted, they could not have raised the cap. It was the policy. Understandably, the coach refused. At the same time, the coach said that international coaches were paid at least $5000-10000 per month those days. But when it came to remuneration for Indian coaches, the policy did not allow them to pay anything more that ₹30,000 per month to him.

Things have changed over the years. Committees and expert panels were formed to look into coaches' requirements. Profiles of coaches too have undergone considerable change with top former international athletes opting to choose this new vocation. And some of them have been quite successful. There are numerous examples in individual sports like shooting, badminton, athletics, boxing, wrestling, where Indian coaches have produced results. Take this year alone. Shooters who won medals at the Paris Olympics had personal coaches. Likewise in badminton one P Gopichand ushered in a coaching revolution. Not very long ago, Anju Bobby George became the first Indian athlete to win a world championships medallist with husband and coach Robert Bobby George by her side. Similar examples do exist in other sport (notably individual) as well. At the same time Neeraj Chopra's success can be attributed to German bio-mechanic expert Klaus Bartonietz or for that matter the hockey team under various foreign coaches and support staff.

Some sports require foreign coaches throughout the year because they have longer period of training and camps. Where there is dearth of Indian coaches, they can hire foreign coaches.

S Raman, TT coach

Focus on remunerations

Following consultation and deliberations, policies have been modified. As per new policy the salaries have been fixed. According to an advertisement in 2024 for Sports Authority of India (SAI) coaches, a High Performance coach's pay scale is ₹123100 – ₹215900 (a consolidated payment of ₹2,20,000 on contractual engagement. A senior coach is eligible for ₹67,700 — ₹208700 and on contractual agreement it is ₹1.25 lakh. Yet, there is still a huge disparity between the salary structure of foreign and Indian coaches. Right now, going by sports ministry's answers in the Parliament, a top foreign coach gets about ₹10-20 lakh.

There has been a mini exodus of coaches to other countries like the US, Singapore, Australia and Canada. Though this is prevalent across sports, badminton has seen this trend recently. The sports ministry is trying to concentrate on engaging more Indian coaches in their national camps and other National Centres of Excellence (NCOEs). The ministry along with the Target Olympics Podium (TOP) Scheme has already started to revise policies that would be attractive for Indian coaches. There were discussions even during the last Mission Olympic Cell (MOC) meeting on incentivising Indian coaches' remunerations. The thrust would be to attract top players and coaches into the system and the remuneration will be more result based.

Apart from exiting India for lucrative profession, there is a host of player-turned-coaches who are running academies or engaged in PSU companies. The main challenge would be to get their services. Like one senior coach pointed out, there is no point bringing in coaches without proven en records. And the challenge would be to give these new breed of international medallists a congenial platform to work.

Money is one area that had been forcing coaches out; another factor that seem to be going against retaining them is respect. There are a lot of top coaches who felt the government may be working towards something positive but the coaches need the get space to work and also get the same respect accorded to foreign coaches. The main reason is too many hurdles in the system. They have to report or submit report to someone who is not aware of training or coaching. The people in federations and even in SAI don't really understand the nuances of coaching top players but would gauge their performance on some set parameters. And then they are answerable to them which top players and coaches are not comfortable with.

At the moment there are international medallists including Olympic and Worlds who can start coaching. The question is whether we have a system that would attract them to coaching? The sports ministry and SAI are doing their bit but there are other areas they have to look at.

Clarity of role

This was one of the points raised by Jaspal Rana during a conversation last year ahead of the Olympics. One has to respect the coach even if he or she may be a personal coach. They should not be ignored. This has been voiced by many top coaches and they feel top coaches should not be reporting to some junior official in the SAI or ministry or even in federations. One coach even pointed out that in terms of seniority, they are equivalent to if not the SAI director general, at least deputy director general or executive director. One coach even pointed out that it should not be a case where the National Sports Federation (NSF) hires them and fires them on their whims and fancy. There are federations who continue with coaches without results as well. Sometimes there is no clarity of role for coaches, which leads to confusion and over-lapping of responsibilities.

S Raman, who has been a national coach in table tennis and has chosen this profession because it appealed to his heart, felt that foreign coaches should be hired where necessary but nowadays there are Indian coaches who are equally good. He felt that there should be set parameters to hire foreign coaches.

"Some sports require foreign coaches throughout the year because they have longer period of training and camps," he said. "Where there is dearth of Indian coaches, they can hire foreign coaches. But then there should be proper evaluation process just like they follow for Indian coaches. There has to be clear criteria. I say that in the context of my sport. Nowadays Indian coaches are also well-equipped and are in some cases even getting better than their foreign counterparts. On an average, one has to agree that foreign coaches are better but we have Indian coaches who are good."

Bobby George compares a coach to a creator. He feels they are creative people who keeps inventing new methods or models for their wards to follow. "As creative people, we need space and freedom to work," he tells this daily. "If there are hurdles then it becomes difficult to work creatively. We work in solitude and think about how to improve training and how we can get the best out of an athlete. So we need freedom and timely assistance."

For a person who had seen sports in early 2000s, Robert gives an insight into the transformation over the years. "Things have improved a lot when we used to compete but then a lot of things can get better," he says and believes that not all foreign coaches are good and it should be need specific. "If an Indian coach is performing they should be rewarded."

Though Gopichand did not want to go into specifics, he lauded the ministry's effort to incentivise coaches. "Good to see that SAI has taken a positive step in this direction, especially incentivising coaches," he said.

"It is not Indian versus foreign. It is about capable coaches. If someone is good, it should not matter if he is an Indian or a foreign coach. More than anything, we should develop a system where coaches have more authority and accountability to produce champions." Gopichand says. With more top players nearing the end of their careers, there will be a bunch of top players who could start coaching.

Foreign connect

The men's hockey team have had a string of foreign coaches, save for the time when they appointed Harendra Singh after Sjoerd Marijne's less than satisfactory time with the side. There are multiple reasons why Hockey India (HI) continues to look outside India's borders, chief among them being the country's coaches still coming up to speed with respect to the top-most coaching standards available (there aren't many who have completed the FIH's gold-standard coaching level). In recent times, they have also delivered with Graham Reid and Craig Fulton delivering Olympic bronze. With respect to the women's team, Marijne's hitherto unheralded charges finished fourth at Tokyo. But Harendra, one of the very few Indian coaches to have earned his stripes, is back with the women's team.

Not just hockey even athletics do look beyond India. Adille Sumariwalla, an MOC member and former secretary of Athletics Federation of India (AFI) puts it very succinctly. "Athletics is bio-chemistry, bio-mechanics, physiology, etc," he explains. "We need experts with science background who will be able to understand these for coaches. So when we train coaches we have to train with these in mind. When we are talking about international medals, we need good coaches. It's a long drawn process to create coaches. In a period of time our coaches will reach there. It is a 10-year process or two Olympic cycle process. I am all for Indian coaches. Right now we have very few people who have both scientific knowledge and experience. That's why we need foreign coaches..."

Full story: newindianexpress.com

Kerala Blasters & Mohun Bagan Super Giant players in action | TP SOORAJ

Kerala Blasters go down to Mohun Bagan in ISL

AGENCIES @ Kochi

MOHUN Bagan Super Giant defeated Kerala Blasters FC by 3-0 in the Indian Super League at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in Kochi on Saturday. Despite holding lesser possession, the Mariners showed remarkable efficiency upfront to convert three out of their four on-target shots into goals.

They continue to be placed atop the standings with 49 points from 21 games —10 more than the second-positioned FC Goa, who have 39 points from 20 encounters. Jamie Maclaren found the first breakthrough of the match with a slick finish from close range. Mohun Bagan have benefitted exceptionally with his sharp shooting prowess in the current campaign and this game was no exception, as Liston Colaco's precisely squared up delivery met the striker on the left side of the six yard box and he comfortably hammered it into the high centre of the net in the 28th minute.

Maclaren then doubled the lead in the 40th minute before Alberto Rodríguez sealed the deal for the visiting side.

In the day's earlier match, Daniel Chima Chukwu scored the decisive goal as Chennaiyin FC recorded a 2-1 victory over Punjab FC. This was Chennaiyin's first home win in five games and the three points helped them stay in the hunt for top-six.

India edge England in Pro League

AGENCIES @ Bhubaneswar

A CONFIDENT India began their campaign in the Women's Pro League with a 3-2 win against higher-ranked England at the Kalinga Hockey Stadium here on Saturday.

Two of India's goals came from penalty corners with Vaishnavi Phalke scoring the opener in the sixth minute and Deepika smashing the winner in the 25th, while Navneet Kaur smashed the winning goal with just one minute left in the game. For England, Darcy Bourne took advantage of a huge defensive lapse to slot home the first equaliser in the 12th minute and then Fiona Crackles (58th) levelled things again before Navneet slotted home the winner a minute later.

Indian team celebrates | HI

Vaishnavi opened the account from India, ranked ninth in the FIH, after a firmly-struck shot from Manisha Chauhan off the first penalty corner hit a defender's stick and came back into play.

Vaishnavi was perfectly placed to decisively hit the ball into the net. India looked confident and showed the intent to ruffle the seventh-ranked England with pace and short passes. They came close to doubling the lead in the ninth minute but veteran forward Lalremsiami failed to connect her stick with a long, diagonal cross.

Men's team go down

The men's team began their season with a loss as they went down to Spain 1-3. For the visitors, Borja Lacalle, Ignacio Cobos and Bruno Avila sounded the board. India had actually taken the lead through Sukhjeet Singh in the 25th minute before Max Cakdas' men scored three.

Pistol ace Jitu returns to national team as coach

ANMOL GURUNG @ Chennai

FORMER World No 1 shooter Jitu Rai, along with several other top former shooters, were named in the 37-member coaches' list for the national team by the National Rifle Association of India, the governing body of the sport in the country, on Saturday. Dronacharya Award recipients Deepali Deshpande and Jaspal Rana are the other notable names and they'll be making a return to the national unit.

The names were finalised during the shooting body's general body meeting.

Jitu, a Khel Ratna and Padma Shri awardee, is a former World Championships medallist and was once regarded as one of the best pistol shooters in the country. Apart from Jitu, there are as many as 15 new faces in the list, which includes coaches from across disciplines (rifle, pistol, shotgun). Former internationals — Pooja Ghatkar (10m air rifle), Pemba Tamang (25m pistol), Amarinder Cheema (skeet) and Varsha Tomar (Trap) — are some of the new entrants.

Pemba, who was inducted into the national team, sounded quite elated. The former multiple Commonwealth Games medallist felt that it was quite nice to be acknowledged. "I am really happy to be part of the coaching team and will do the best I can," he said, adding his experience as a shooter would hold him in good stead. "I know coaching his different but I have done quiet a few courses including one High Performance Leadership programme in Abinav Bindra's centre." He is in Siliguri where he shifted so that it would help him stay connected with the sport.

Meanwhile, Deepali and Jaspal's comeback is not a surprise as they had a big hand in shooters' success in the 2024 Paris Olympics. Besides, they have been influential figures in lifting the standard of young shooters in the country for the last decade or so.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

EXPRESS READ

Gulveer breaks 3000m indoor national record

NEW DELHI: Hangzhou Asian Games bronze medalist Gulveer Singh made a strong start to his season, shattering a 16-year-old national record in the men's 3000m indoor race at the BU David Hemery Valentine Invitational in Boston. The 26-year-old clocked 7:38.26 (previous record of 7:49.47).

Japanese duo claims Delhi Open title

NEW DELHI: Unseeded Japanese pair Masamichi Imamura and Rio Noguchi claimed the Delhi Open doubles title with a 6-4, 6-3 win over second seeds Niki Kaliyanda Poonacha and Courtney John Lock on Saturday. The Japanese duo showed resilience and precision, breaking their opponents early in both sets.

Team India lands in Dubai ahead of CT

DUBAI: The Indian team made its touch down in the city on Saturday, hoping to bag the ICC Champions Trophy, starting from February 18, for the second time since 2013. The players and support staff trooped into a waiting bus, in line with the new BCCI diktat, before proceeding to the designated team hotel.

WPL: Delhi post thrilling win

VADODARA: Delhi Capitals prevailed in the most surreal of circumstances against Mumbai Indians in the second match of the Women's Premier League here. Chasing 165, they needed two off the final ball. Arundhati Reddy, after chipping over the in-field on the off-side, and Radha Yadav hared off and the former just about made her ground, diving full length to make it home, before the keeper broke the stumps after collecting the throw. Earlier, Shefali Verma hit 18-ball 43. **Brief scores:** MI 164 in 19.1 ovs (Sciver-Brunt 80, Harmanpreet 42; Sutherland 3/34) **lost to** DC 165/8 in 20 ovs (Shafali 43, Niki 35; Hayley 2/31, Kerr 2/22).

Arsenal close gap on Liverpool, Marmoush inspires City

AGENCIES @ Leicester

ARSENAL ignored their injury woes to close the gap on Premier League leaders Liverpool to four points as Mikel Merino came off the bench to clinch a 2-0 win against Leicester on Saturday. Manchester City, meanwhile, recorded a 4-0 victory over Newcastle at home.

Arsenal were in danger of wasting a chance to put pressure on Liverpool in the title race as they laboured to make the breakthrough at the King Power Stadium.

But, with his attacking options limited by a host of injuries, Arteta sent on Spain midfielder Merino to act as a makeshift striker in the closing stages. It proved an inspired move as Merino netted twice in the last nine minutes to extend Arsenal's unbeaten run in the league to 15 games.

Mikel Merino (23) celebrates his goal against Leicester | AFP

Later, recent signing Omar Marmoush scored a hat-trick to help Man City secure three points against Newcastle. Substitute James McAtee scored the fourth goal. Fulham, meanwhile, recored a 2-1 victory over third-placed Nottingham Forest. Bournemouth climbed to fifth spot with a 3-1 win over Southampton.

Results: Friday: Brighton **3-0** Chelsea. **Saturday:** Leicester **0-2** Arsenal; West Ham **0-1** Brentford; Southampton **1-3** Bournemouth; Aston Villa **1-1** Ipswich; Man City **4-0** Newcastle; Fulham **2-1** Nottm Forest.

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Invitation For Short term Tender
Tender ref no:31/2024-25

On behalf of Governor of Karnataka, the Executive Engineer, PWD Division, Madhugiri, invites tenders from eligible Tenderers, for the works. Total 20 Work (Sira, Koratagere, Madhugiri and Pavagada Taluk) Approx. amount for the work is Rs 402.38 Lakhs. Tender documents may be downloaded from the KPPP portal of the Govt. of Karnataka Viz.http://KPPP.gov.in.Tenders must be submitted through KPPP portal on or before 03-03-2025 (up to 4.00 pm), Technical bids will be opened on 04-03-2025 after 4.15 Pm, Financial bid will be opened on 06-03-2025 after 4.15 Pm. Further any other information can be seen from the KPPP portal or can be had from the undersigned.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, PWD Division, Madhugiri

DIPR/TUM/642/KSMCA/2024-25

(Public Works Department)

Chikkaballapur Division, Chikkaballapur

Invitation for Tender (I.F.T) No.19/2024-25
Date:12.02.2025

(For Road Works, Building/bridge Maintanance works - As per SBD KW 1,2& 4 in two stage tender document system.)

On behalf of The Governor of Karnataka, as per Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act 2000, the undersigned invite tenders for works in two cover system through KPP Portal from eligible contractors registered in PWD. Those interested in participating in the tender can submit the tenders for **sl.no 1 to 3 till Date: 27.02.2025 and sl.no 4 to 5 till Date: 19.02.2025 upto 04:00 pm.** Further details may be obtained from the above office during hours on works days or from **websites https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Executive Engineer, PWD Division, Chikkaballapur

DIPR/CHIKKABALLAPUR/R.O.NO:380/KSMCA/2024-25

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE

Office of the Executive Engineer, Bommanahalli Project Division, Begur Main Road, Bommanahalli, Bengaluru-560 068.

No: BBMP/EE/BPD/Tend-11/2024-25 Date: 14.02.2025

INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT)
(Through GOK e-Procurement portal only)

The Executive Engineer, Bommanahalli Project Division, BBMP, Bengaluru-68, invites tender from eligible contractors registered in BBMP or equivalent registration with KPWD/CPWD/ BWSSB/Railways/MES/National Highway or any state Government organizations for the construction of works detailed in the table below

Sl. No.	Name of Work
1	Providing and Fixing Information Board at temples coming under Bommanahalli Zone. **Estimate Amount:** Rs. 9.45 Lakhs. **EMD:** Rs.23,625/-. **Tender processing fee (Rupees) :** As per e-Procurement portal. **Period of completion** (including monsoon): 30 days.

Calendar of Events: 1) Tender documents can be downloaded through website https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in from **17.02.2025 onwards.** 2) Last date and time for submission of tenders : **03.03.2025 upto 16.00 hrs.** 3) Date and time of Opening of Tenders: **04.03.2025 at 16.30 hrs. onwards.**

Further details can be had from the office of the above during office hours on all working days or visit KPP portal website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Bommanahalli Project Division, BBMP

पंजाब नैशनल बैंक punjab national bank

STRESSSED ASSETS TARGETTED RESOLUTION ACTION DIVISION ZONAL SASTRA, 6-3-865, "My Home Jupally", Ameerpet, Green Lands, Opposite: Green Park Hotel, Hyderabad-500016.

ZS/8347/ /2024-2025 Date: 15.02.2025

Notice with regard to Order of Review Committee for Declaration of Wilful Defaulters

To: **M/s. Dwarakamayee Solutions (Borrower),** # No.100A, Ground Floor,19th. Main 1st Block, Rajaji Nagar, Bangalore-560010. **Mr. Suresh Gowda (Guarantor), M/s. Dwarakamayee Solutions,** No.290/09, 2nd Floor, 8th Main A, Block, 2nd Stage, Malleshwaram, Bangalore-560055. **Mrs. Sindhu Suresh Gowda,** Prop. **M/s. Dwarakamayee Solutions,** # No.2616, 11th Main, E-Block, 2nd Stage, Rajaji Nagar, Bangalore-560010. **Mrs. Sindhu Suresh Gowda (Proprietor), M/s. Dwarakamayee Solutions,** No.100/A, Ground Floor, 19th A Main, 1st N Block, Rajaji Nagar, Bangalore-560010. **Mr. Deepak M R (Guarantor), M/s. Dwarakamayee Solutions,** # No.20, 1st Floor, Sankey Road, Next Nandi N I, Bangalore-560098. **Mr. Deepak M R (Guarantor), M/s. Dwarakamayee Solutions,** # 145, 60 Ft. Rd., BEML, 5th. Stae, Rajarajeshwari Nagar, Bangalore-560098. **Mr. Deepak M R, S/o. Sri M D Ramashetty (Guarantor), M/s. Dwarakamayee Solutions,** # Flat No.FF 3, S G Shigh Land, BEML, 5th Stae, Rajarajeshwari Nagar, Bangalore-560098. **Mr. Deepak M R, S/o. Sri M D Ramashetty (Guarantor), M/s. Dwarakamayee Solutions,** # Plot No.17, 2nd Floor, Dwaraka Heights, Madhaur, Hitech City, Jubilee Hills, Hyderabad-500081. **Mr. Deepak M R, S/o. Sri M D Ramashetty (Guarantor), M/s. Dwarakamayee Solutions,** # Cubatic Infra & Power Pvt. Ltd., 2nd Floor, Plot No.17, 2nd Floor, Dwaraka Heights, Madhapur, Hitech City, Jubilee Hills, Hyderabad-500081.

Sir/ Madam,

Reg: **Order dated: 12.11.2024** of the Bank's Review Committee for declaration of Wilful Defaulters passed in its meeting held on **14.10.2024** at **PNB, Corporate Office, New Delhi** in the account of **M/s. Dwarakamayee Solutions.**

The Review Committee in its meeting dated: **14.10.2024** has declared you as willful defaulter on the grounds mentioned in order dated: **12.11.2024.**

The order dated **12.11.2024** which was sent to you by Speed post at the abovementioned address(es) has/ have been returned unserved.

You may further note that the complete copy of the order dated **12.11.2024** is available in the office of **Zonal Recovery Centre, 6-3-865, My Home Jupally, Greenland, Ameerpet, Hyderabad- 500016.**

(A Ramesh Babu, CM-Law, Mob.No.8586950839), which you may collect, if you so desire.

Date: 15.02.2025, Place: Hyderabad Sd/- Authorized Officer, Punjab National Bank

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केनरा बैंक Canara Bank

(A Government Of India Undertaking)

Sanjaynagar Branch
No.126/A, 80 Feet Road, Sanjay Nagar, Bangalore.

DEMAND NOTICE [SECTION 13(2)]
TO BORROWERS/ GUARANTORS/MORTGAGORS

NOTICE ISSUED UNDER SECTION 13(2) OF THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002

The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of **Canara Bank, Sanjaynagar Branch** had issued Demand Notice under Section 13(2) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Security Interest Act 2002 by Registered Post with Acknowledgment Due (RPAD) to the addresses furnished to the Bank as mentioned below. Since the notice has not been acknowledged and returned due to non-availability of addresses at the said addresses / due to evading of service of the notices sent by RPAD, notice could not be served. The contents of the said notice are mentioned herein below.

1. Name and Address of the Borrowers / Co-Borrowers/ Mortgagors /Guarantors: (1) Mrs. S Vasantha, W/o Ramamurthy, **Co-Borrower : (2) Mr. Ramamurthy,** S/o Late Muniswamy Reddy, **Guarantor : (3) Hemanth Reddy V,** S/o Ramamurthy Muniswamy, All are Residing at : # 643,6th Main, 8th Cross, Triveni Road, Yeshwanthapur Co-operative Society, KN Extension, Yeshwanthapur, Bangalore North, Bangalore-560022.

[Details of the credit facility/ies availed by the Borrower]

Loan No	Nature of Loan/Limit	Date of Sanction	Amount	Liability With Interest as on	Rate of Interest
04839740 000148	Housing Loan	20.09.2018	Rs. 25,00,000/-	Rs. 22,19,712.23	12.10%(10.10%+2% penal interest)
16400349 4373	Mortgage Loan	08.06.2023	Rs. 35,00,000/-	Rs. 27,66,956.10	12.85% (10.85%+2% penal interest)
04839770 000029	Education Loan	30.01.2019	Rs. 6,60,000/-	Rs. 6,62,245.68	12.95%(10.95%+2% penal interest)

Total Liability Amount: Rs. 56,48,914.01 (Rupees Fifty Six Lakh Forty Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Fourteen and One Paisa Only) together with further interest and incidental expenses and costs.

NPA Date : 12.02.2025 **Demand Notice Dated : 14.02.2025**

Details of Security assets :

Schedule "A" Property : All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Site No.38,thindlu Village Khatha No 8/2,8/5,8/6,8/7,8/7A and 8/8, BBMP Khata No 1338/8/2,5,6,7A,8/38 situated at Thindlu Village, Yelahanka hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, measuring East to West 40 ft and North to South 22 ft, in all measuring 880 Sq ft and bounded on: East By: Property bearing site No 47, belonging to Sri. S M Byra Reddy, West By: 20 ft Road, North By: 30 ft Road, South By: Private Property

Name of the title Holder : Smt. S Vasantha W/o Ramamurthy, Cersai Id : 400071640915

You are here by called upon to pay **Canara Bank,** within a period of 60 days from the date of publication of this notice, the respective amount mentioned here above, failing which **Canara Bank** will take necessary action under the provisions of the said Act, against the secured assets including taking possession of the secured assets of the Borrowers and the Guarantors. The powers available to **Canara Bank** under the Act include (i) power to take possession of the secured assets of the Borrowers / Guarantors / Mortgagors including the rights to transfer by way of lease, assignment or sale for realising secured assets and any transfer of secured assets by **Canara Bank** shall vest in the transferee rights in or in relation to, the secured asset transferred as if the transfer has been made by you. In terms of the provisions of section 13(13) of the said Act, you are hereby prohibited from transferring, either by way of sale, lease or otherwise (other than in the ordinary course of your business), any of the secured assets as referred to in the Demand Notice and also Hypothecated / Mortgaged to the bank without prior written consent of the Bank. The notice is issued in terms of Section (13)2 of the said Act.

Date : 15.02.2025 **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Place : Bengaluru **Canara Bank**

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank

(A Government of India Undertaking)

Regional Office West
Chitrapur Mutt Complex, Malleswaram 15th Cross, Bangalore-560055.

POSSESSION NOTICE [Rule - 8(1)] (For immovable Property)

Whereas The undersigned being the authorized Officer of the **Canara Bank, Regional Office West Branch,** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13(2) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notice dated **09.12.2024** calling upon the Borrower **(1) Mr.Altaf Hussain Abdul Kareem** S/o Mr.Abdul Kareem, **(2) Mrs. Fathima Aqsa** W/o Altaf Hussain Abdul Kareem, **Both are residingr at:** No.2/1, 2nd Floor, Stephens Road, Frazer Town, Bangalore-560005, Karnataka., to repay the amount mentioned in the notice of **Rs. 1,11,92,183.32** (Rupees One Crore Eleven Lakhs Ninety Two Thousand One Hundred and Eighty Three Rupees and Thirty Two paise Only) and interest thereon within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken symbolic possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules 2002 on this **15th day of February 2025.**

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **Canara Bank, Rajajinagar 1st Block Branch** for an amount of **Rs. 1,11,92,183.32** (Rupees One Crore Eleven Lakhs Ninety Two Thousand One Hundred and Eighty Three Rupees and Thirty Two paise Only) and interest thereon.

The borrower's attention is invited to the provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Description of Secured Assets:

Name of Title holder: Mr,Altaf Hussain Abdul Kareem

Schedule A Property: All that piece and parcel of the House bearing new Municipal No.3, earlier No.3/1 (Pld No.3) Eastern Portion situated at 18th B Cross, Lakshmipuram, Ulsoor Bangalore-560008, BBMP PID No.82-67-3 with 266 SQ Feet , Building in Ground Floor, 266 SQ Feet Building in the first Floor RCC Building with Mosaic Flooring and Cement Mortar Wall Doors, and Windows made of Honne Wood and Steel measuring East To West 25 feet, North To South 20 feet Totally measuring 500 SQ feet and bounded on: East by: Road, West By:Nanjappa's Property, North by: Kashinath's Property, South by: Nanjappa's Property.

Date : 15.02.2025 **Sd/-Authorized Officer**
Place : Bangalore **Canara Bank**

LIC HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED

1st Floor, Jeevan Managal Building, Hayes Road, Bengaluru -560025. Ph.: 080-43003651

POSSESSION NOTICE

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Office of the M/S, LIC Housing Finance Limited the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Asset and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(2) read with rule 9 of security Interest(enforcement) Rule 2002 issued demand notice on below mentioned date calling upon the borrower/guarantors to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrower having failed to repay the amount hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/ her under Section 13(4) of the said Act with rule 9 of the said rules on below mentioned date.

The Borrower and the public in general are here by cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealing with property will be subject to the charge of M/s. LIC Housing Finance Limited for an amount notice mentioned below and interest thereon,

The Borrower attention is invited to provisions of section 13(8) of the said ACT, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.

Name of the Borrower, Loan No & Possession Taken Date	Demand Notice Date	Notice Amount	Description of the Property
Mr. Shashidhara Pattabhiramarao Loan A/c No. 410100007784 & 410100015225 Symbolic possession taken on 12/02/2025	11/11/2024	Rs. 6012135.00	Schedule 'A' Property : All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing Site No.94, in Khata No.15/3, situated at Arehalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, now this property comes within the limits of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagar Palike, New BBMP Property No.640/454/94/15/3, Arehalli, Bangalore, measuring East to West: 60-0(Sixty) feet, and North to South: 40-0(Forty) Feet, and bounded as follows: East by: Road, West by : Property No.102, North by: Property No.93, South by: Property No.94/aSCHEDULE 'B' PROPERTY : (Description of the Apartment and 270 Sq.ft., of undivided share, right, title and interest in the Schedule "A" Property hereby conveyed by the Vendors to the Purchaser) Three Bedrooms Flat bearing No.101 on First Floor, of "GOMATHA HOMES", constructed on the Schedule 'A' Property along with 270 Sq.ft., of undivided share, right, title and interest in the land comprised with parking space in the multi-storied building constructed on the Schedule "A" Property measuring 1350 Sq.feet of super built up area, having RCC Roofing, Vitrified Tiles Flooring, along with sanitary and electrical connection, with one Car Parking Area in the Basement Floor, and bounded on: East by: Road, West by: Flat No.102, North by: Private Property, South by: Private Property.
Mr. Govardhana Giri Neella Loan A/c No. 411900016177 Symbolic possession Taken on 12/02/2025	24/10/2024	Rs. 2997920.00	Schedule A Property : All that piece and parcel of the property bearing old Sy No. 37, converted property bearing New Sy No. 37/1, measuring 20,146.5 Sq.ft. out of 26 guntas as per the conversion order at No. ALN (E) SR (KH) 100/10-11 dated 10.11.2011, situated in Seegehalli Village, Krishnarajpuram Hobli, Bangalore South taluk, now in the BBMP, BBMP old Katha No. 125 now as per the order No. BBMP/M.S.T.N.S/CR/1024/12-13 dated 03.01.2013 in katha No. 125/1 and issued the Katha Certificate No. DA/KTR/48/12-13 dated 04.01.2013 is bounded by: East by: 40 ft. Road, West by : Private Property North by: Rain water Drain (Marve) South by : Private Property. Schedule 'B' Property : Undivided share, right, title and interest equivalent to 330 square feet in the clubbed Schedule 'A' Property SCHEDULE 'C' PROPERTY : All that piece of property bearing Flat No. B-006 situated in Ground Floor of the apartment "PRAKURTHI ENCLAVE" measuring 1210 Sq.ft., of super built up area over the Schedule 'A' property, consisting of Two Bedrooms Flat, Kitchen, Vitrified flooring, Main Door finished with Teak Wood, Rooms and Bath Rooms doors are finished with flush Doors and connected with Electricity, Water and Sanitary along with One covered Car Parking slot in the basement floor, Lift, Generator, KEB connection, and all other facilities is bounded on the East by: Flat No. B-001 West by: Flat No. B-005 North by: Flat No. B-003 South by: Common Area.
Mr. Abijith Vijayendra Mr. K H Vijayendra Kumar (GPA) Loan A/c No. 4001010000512 Symbolic possession Taken on 14/02/2025	27-11-2024	Rs. 9560789.00	"A" Schedule Property : All that piece and parcel of the residential immovable property bearing Corporation No.14/1, PID No.093-W0023-8-1 and Corporation No.14, PID No.093-W0023-8, (Old No.54-14, renumbered as 18) situated at 2nd Main, Sripuram, Bangalore, Sampangiramanagar Sub Division, within revenue administrative jurisdiction of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagar Palike, together with the residential units thereon and including all rights, privileges and appurtenances thereto and the nbuilding constructed on site measuring East to West: 60 feet and North to South: 45 feet, totally measuring 2700 Square feet and bounded as follows: East by: Private property, West by: Second Main Road, North by: Road South by: Private Property "B" Schedule Property Agreed To Be Sold : All that piece and parcel of 261 Sq.ft., of undivided share in the immovable property bearing Corporation No. 14/1, PID No.093-W0023-8-1 and Corporation No.14, PID No.093-W0023-8, (Old No.54-14, renumbered as 18) situated at 2nd Main, Sripuram, Bangalore, Sampangiramanagar Sub Division, within revenue administrative jurisdiction of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagar Palike "C" Schedule Residential Unit: Residential Unit bearing No.FF-01, First Floor of the residential complex known as "RAM GOKULA" with 1,212 square feet of super built up area constructed on the immovable property bearing Corporation No.14/1, PID No.093-W0023-8-1 and Corporation No.14, PID No.093-W0023-8, (Old No.54-14, renumbered as 18) situated at 2nd Main, Sripuram, Sheshadripuram, Bangalore, Sampangiramanagar Sub Division, within revenue administrative jurisdiction of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagar Palike (including half portion in depth of the joints between the Ceiling of the unit and floors of the unit above it, internal and external walls between such levels) and the building is of RCC roofing, structural foundation with cement blocks, cement mortar, vitrified tiled flooring, separate electricity, common water and sanitary connection along with one covered car parking slot in the still/ground floor together with all rights, privileges, appurtenances thereto and bounded as follows: East by: Unit No.FF-02, West by: Setback area open to sky and Road, North by: Setback area open to sky and Road South by: Setback area open to sky and Private Property.
Ms. Soubhagyamma & Mr. Mahesh Kumar T N Loan A/c No. 412000001399 Symbolic possession Taken on 14/02/2025	14-02-2022	Rs. 4,95,48,004.00	All that piece and parcel of the residentially converted property bearing Sy No.6/1 situated at Thanishandra Village, K R Puram Hobli, Banaglore East Taluk, measuring 17 ¼ Guntas bounded on the : East by : Land belongs Mr. Shanubhog Srinivasaiah West by : Government Road North by; Land belongs to Mr. Narayanappa South by : Land belongs to Mr. Venkateshappa.

Place: Bangalore **Sd/- Authorized Officer**
Date: 16.02.2025 **LIC Housing Finance Limited**

Government of Karnataka

BIDAR INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES, BIDAR

BRIMS SUPER SPECIALTY CARDIAC UNIT

(Autonomous Institution of Govt. of Karnataka)
Affiliated to Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences, Karnataka, Bangalore & Recognized by Govt. of India, New Delhi

Website: www.bimsbidar.karnataka.gov.in & E-mail Id: directorbrimsbidar2007@gmail.com

No: BRIMS/ Cathlab/EST-1&2/Cr-/2024-25 **Date: 15.02.2025**

CORRIGENDUM

Sub: BRIMS Super Specialty Cardiac Unit, BRIMS Bidar Notification for Various posts (Contract basis) walk-in-interview postponement-Reg

Ref: GO No: MED 638 MSF 2023 Dated: 03.09.2024

With reference to the above notification, regarding conduct of walk-in-interview for various posts in BRIMS Super Specialty Cardiac Unit scheduled on 18.02.2025 at 08.00 am in BRIMS college building 4th Floor Lecture Hall BRIMS Bidar is postponed due to Administrative & technical reasons. Next interview date will be shortly intimated.

Candidates who have applied for the various posts on contract basis need not to present on **18.02.2025.**

Sd/-
Director
Bidar Institute of Medical Sciences, Bidar

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that the original building sanction letter of 1st and 2nd floor in respect of the property No.#28,Door No.28,1st A cross,Shakambari Nagar,banglore South, Jp nagar, Bangalore, karnataka, 560078 has been lost the documents have not found them.So if anyone finds the said documents please the below mentioned address immediately and know that if anyone uses the said documents in a wrong way it will not restrict me in any way.

Name: Lavanya SP
No.28,1st ,A Cross,Shakambari Nagar,Jp nagar,Bangalore, karnataka- 560078
Contact No:9483812348

The Grain Merchants' Co-Operative Bank Ltd.,

.O, No.2, Pampamahakavi Road, Chamarajpet, Bengaluru-560018.
Phone 26677552, 26679041

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POSSESSION NOTICE FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY
[APPENDIX IV (RULE 8(1)]

Where as the undersigned being the authorised officer of The Grain Merchants' Co-Operative Bank Limited under the Securitisation and Reconstructionof Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (2) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules. at The Grain Merchants' Co-Operative Bank Limited within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrowers in the following accounts having failed to repay the amount, notice is here by given to the borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described here in bellow in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 & 9 of the said rules on the dates mentioned herein below. The borrowers in particular and the public in general is/are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of The Grain Merchants' Co-Operative Bank Limited for amount and interest on & other charges.

Date of Possession: 12.02.2025

Name of the Borrower/Surety & Description of the Property Mortgaged	Amount outstanding
Applicant: Sri N.Muniraju S/o late Nanjundappa **Surety: Sri M.S.Mukesh** All that piece and parcel of property bearing No.19, Old Site No.1600, situated at 33rd Main Road, Magadi Road, Chord Road, Extension, now comes under BBMP Jurisdiction, PID No.36-28-19, Ward No.36, New Ward No.104, Bangalore, measuring East to West: 23'6" and North to South : 38'+38'6"/2 totally measuring 898.87 Sq.ft and bounded on East By: Site bearing No.1600/A, West By: Site Bearing No.1599/A, North By: Site Bearing No.1592 & 1593 and South By: Road.	**11,82,634.10 + Int. thereon 12.02.2025**

Amount paid if any by any of the above borrowers after issuance of Possession Notice, would be reckoned for ascertaining the dues payable at the time of realisation / settlement.

Sd/-
Authorised Officer,
The Grain Merchants' Co-Operative Bank Ltd.,
Bangalore -18

Place: Bangalore
Date: 12.02.2025

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE

Office of the Chief Commissioner, Annex Building-1, N.R. Square, Bengaluru-560002

No.: BBMP/C.Comm/PSR(G)/3323/2024-25 **Date: 15.02.2025**

PUBLIC NOTICE
FORM-III (See Sub-rule (3) of rule-3)

In exercise of powers conferred under section **14-B of the Karnataka Town and Country Planning Act,1961** the following 'Area' mentioned in the schedule below is required by the Chief Commissioner, Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike for **``Widening of Nelagadaranahalli Main road from Tumkur road, NH-4 to Ganga International School a length of 2.40 km in BBMP Limit"** for implementing the proposals of the Approved Master Plan-2015 for the **width of 18.00mtrs.**

The following land / building owners have opted for Development Rights in lieu of monetary compensation under the Right to Fair Compensation and transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013. The Development Rights will be given by the Authority as twice the land area surrendered and two times the building area surrendered and as estimated by the value of the building area surrendered (valuated as per PWD norms) divided by the market value of the land on which the building is constructed.

The public is hereby informed about the details of the land and land owners and interested persons whose lands are required for the public purpose and Development Right Certificate (DRCs) are to be issued in lieu of monetary compensation. Any objections and suggestions are to be addressed to the Special Land Acquisition officer, O/o the Deputy Commissioner (Land Acquisition and TDR) Head Office, BBMP within thirty days from the date of publication of this Notification.

List of land / building area surrendered and land owners for which DRC is to be issued.

Name of the District: **Bengaluru Urban** Name of the Taluk: **Bengaluru North** Name of the Village: **Nagasandra**

Sl. No.	Sy. No. / Khata No.	Type of land		Nature of Land		Dimension of the land / plot and extent in Sq.m		Boundaries of the land / plot				Building Details			Present activity on land / Building (Specify Specific activity such as shop, office, factory, apartment, individual house etc.,)	Market (guide lines) value of the land per Sq.m	Name and address of the owner of the plot / land for which DRC is to be issued.
		Vacant	Built up	Agriculture Converted undeveloped	Approved layout / developed land Building site	Dimension	Extent	North	South	East	West	Extent in Sq.m	Type of Construction and No. of floors	Floor Area Ratio			
1	Sy No:31, Khatha Sl No:381	Vacant Land		Converted Land		499.50		Remaining Portion of Sy No.31	Sy No.36	Road & Dasarahalli Village Boundary	Remaining Portion of Sy No.31	None	None	None	Vacant	1,32,000/-	M/s. Gemini Distilleries Pvt. Ltd. represented by director Sri. Gubbi Ramadasapp Ganesh, Registered Office at No. 29/2, HM Strafford, 7th Cross, Vasanth Nagar, Bangalore-560052

Note: Market guideline value of this property is considered subject to conditions of payment of fee as per Government Order No.: ನಅಇ 137 ಎಂಎನ್‌ಯು 2024 (ಇ). ದಿನಾಂಕ:09.09.2024 and as per the Circular No.: ಆಯುಕ್ತರು/ಪಿಎಸ್.ಆರ್/ಜಿ/1802/2024-25, ದಿನಾಂಕ: 21.09.2024

Objections and suggestions made be submitted at the address specified below.

Name and address of the Divisional / Sub divisional / Branch Office	Deputy Commissioner, Land Acquisition & TDR, 2nd Floor, Room No: 208, Annex Building-3, N.R. Square, BBMP, Bangalore-560002.

Sd/-,
Chief Commissioner, Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike